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to think the most searching inquiry
into the mind of some high official
might be merely accused of making
sordid gain from the President's
efforts for peace, the Nation would
become an object of contempt in the
eyes of the world and its influence for
good would be permanently impaired.

the courts might impose in construing
the law. The brotherhood men's eyes
are open, and they are growling so
angry that there are mutterings of a
strike, either for enforcement of the
Admon law or for acceptance of the
terms which they demanded before
the law was passed. If they should
strike, they would probably come in
conflict with any law which may be
passed to supplement the Admon
law, or with the courts, or with both.

moteness from physicians and dentists,
and there are many defects in the diet
of the growing child in the "one-
drop" communities. It is the purpose
of the rural welfare movement to con-
duct a campaign of education to cor-
rect present defects, so that every
dweller in the country shall be as
healthy as he ought to be.

Stars and Starmakers
By Leone Cass Baker.
I've broken all my 1917 resolutions
already, but it hasn't shattered my
nerve, for the made-over models are
more to the liking than the originals.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE OREGONIAN
Annual is Praised by Contemporaries
in Oregon and Washington.
Castle Rock (wash.) Independent.
The New Year special edition of The
Oregonian is certainly a hummer. It
is the very best advertisement for the
Coast that anyone could send East and
would read everywhere to get at
least two copies and send to friends or
relatives.

In Other Days
Half a Century Ago.
From The Oregonian January 11, 1867.
On November 6 the Union Pacific
Railroad was completed to a point 270
miles distant from Omaha. The road
is located to a point 600 miles west of
Omaha.

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OLD STUFF.
From our highly respectable and re-
spected contemporary, the Brooklyn
Eagle, we take a paragraph in an
interesting account of the bimonthly
meeting of the United Retail Grocers'
Association:

A HINT AT GERMAN PLANS.
Discovery by British raiders that
three lines of German trenches near
Arras had been practically abandoned
does not speak well for the efficiency
of British scouting, though the air
in Winter is so thick as to render air
scouting difficult and at times impos-
sible. The Germans may have calcu-
lated that the attack was only a
raid, to be followed by quick retreat,
and that it would be economy of men
to withdraw temporarily rather than
lose men in a fight.

There's something so sad about the
dying of the old year, said Maxine
Elliot in an interview when she landed
to'other day in New York.
Nothing sad about it that I can see,
except paying it funeral bills.

New Enterprises Attracted.
Hillamook Headlines.
The New Year's issue of The Oregonian
is another splendid booster's
effort that will help to bring new
settlers and new enterprises into Ore-
gon. We must all take our hats off
to The Oregonian when it comes to
boosting the state.

General Henningsen, a soldier of fortune,
who fought on the losing side in
Spain, the Hungarian War, the Nicaraguan
War and the Civil War—has now en-
tered the whisky business in Richmond.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1917.

SEEK OUT THE TRUTH.
MR. LAWSON'S charges, that confi-
dential information leaks from the
Government departments and from
Congress to Wall Street and is there
used in speculation, have not been
opposed by him in any names or with
proof, but, by retelling them, he makes
much sound and fury. He makes the
flat statement that decisions of the
Supreme Court have leaked; that a
Cabinet Minister and a Senator have
speculated; that leaks of impending
court decisions have been made; that
leakage of information is common; and
that members of Congress habitually use
information obtained in their official
capacity for speculative purposes.

Presidential Blarney.
Ladies—said the President in his
blarney, and most persuasive phrases
(which repeat from memory) to the lat-
est delegation of hopeful feminine bal-
lot reformers at the White House—
ladies, I am at heart a convinced sur-
frageist; but, alas! my party—my
country and my government have not
yet seen the light. How can I, as
leader of my party, do anything for
you, however much I may yearn to
do it, until I am so instructed by my
country and loving party? Withal, my
party has done very much for you,
ladies, than the wicked and unre-
generate Republican party.

HALF DOLLARS AND OTHER COINS.
The new coins have made their ap-
pearance and have met the usual
criticism that they are not so attrac-
tive as the old coins. They are prob-
ably true that familiarity, which com-
monly breeds contempt, has in this
instance inspired universal liking.

See where Henry Miller is going to
put on a big all-star revival of "The
Great Divide" in New York.
My idea of the great divide of today
is fifty-fifty.
See where an actress expresses as
her last wish permission to be buried
beside all of her six husbands.

Oregonian Annual a "Hummer."
Goldendale (Wash.) Sentinel.
The Oregonian Annual issued the
regular annual industrial edition,
New Year's day and readers cannot
but praise the excellence of the
criticism of the excellence of the
year's work. The Oregonian is
brimming with industrial articles, and
the pens of able writers, this leading
standard newspaper is living up to
standard established years ago, when
their first annual was issued.

Oregon's Offering to Newcomer.
Monmouth Item.
The New Year's number of The Oregonian
is calculated to make people
glad in the state proud of Oregon.
It is not only a masterpiece of editing,
but it is more practical, Oregon offers
to the newcomer more than any other
state in the Union. It has more unde-
veloped land than any other state in
the West. Although an old state,
Oregon has been neglected by
capital. Development of the
West Coast in the south and north and
has bent with the coast, finding a meet-
ing place in Eastern Oregon. Railroads are
projected in Eastern Oregon, and will
bring thousands of people into the
state. The Oregonian has the develop-
ment of the state well pictured out and
makes the best sort of missionary lit-
erature to send back to the home com-
munity.

Twenty-five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian January 11, 1892.
San Francisco.—San Jose won the
championship and pennant, defeating
Portland yesterday. The series was a
three game affair. The Portland team
had forfeited the decisive game after
Glenavlin called his men from the field
as the result of a row.

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Business Patriotism.
The need for far-sighted patriotism
among business men is nowhere better
illustrated than in the present move-
ment to build up the coal-tar industry
from asphalt, kerosene and other by-
products. A striking address was
given recently before the
American Association for the Advance-
ment of Science by George H. Bruce,
in which attention was called to the
fact that if this new industry is not
developed on a business basis, allure
will be attributable to the business
manufacturers and others to take this
broad view. All other conditions are
favorable.

Rural Child Welfare.
The common impression that be-
cause they do not live in the congested
districts of cities the people of the
rural districts, particularly the children,
are beyond the need of measures
for health improvement is strongly
contradicted by the child welfare
bureau of the Federal Department of
Health, which finds by examination of
the census figures and from its own
investigations that the number of deaths
among country babies and country
mothers is largely in excess of what
it ought reasonably to be. It is shown
as a matter of fact that the mortality
rate among infants in the country is
higher than in the more prosperous
districts of the cities which have been
studied, and that there is a markedly
high death rate in the same rural dis-
tricts among mothers, from prevent-
ible maternal causes. The amazing
showing is made that 15,000 women
die in the United States each year
from conditions which are preventable,
and that the country districts bear
more than their full share of this
number.

There is fine mental exercise for
the public schoolchildren in calculat-
ing the price of a loaf of bread in
American money on the basis of the
price fixed for wheat by the British
government. For 504 pounds of
wheat cost 60 shillings, how many
cents would a two-pound loaf cost?

Why Smoking Adds Thinking
Four of Five Physical Senses Closed
Against Outer Distraction.
VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 10.—(To
the Editor.)—Through an editorial
recently you gave Lady Nicotine deserved
reproach. There is, however, some-
thing in your article which leads me
to infer that the worthy editor never
surrendered unconditionally to the
blindness of this enchantress.
After you had confessed the fact
to confess to having been led into the
spell of the bewitching siren for
three or four years. Further per-
mit me to permit being addicted to the
reading habit.

Maple Lane, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the
Editor.)—I see numerous persons are
troubled with snakes. In childhood I
believed that snakes would turn to
snakes; saw thin wrigglers which were
supposed to be such phenomena. Like
other children, I was so frightened that
I could not find out if true, just believed.
When it comes to the joint snake, I
can verify the "animal." It is a slender
reptile tapering to a sharp pointed tail.
When struck with a stick near the
middle it will break in two. The tail
will continue to crawl, and has had
lost about three inches of tail.

THE WEAVING MILL OF TIME.
Alone by the fireside dreaming, I sat
one New Year's eve,
While the dying embers pictured that
the full length of the body, I think
My past life came before me, of virtue
and of sin—
In the hobbit that in the bobbin that
the loom of time did spin!

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