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MONROE DOCTRINE FOR THE WORLD.

In his speech to the Senate President Wilson proposed a revolutionary change of foreign policy for the United States. Only a radical alteration in the relations of this to other nations, and of other nations to each other, could justify him in such a proposal.

Mr. Wilson does not contemplate the possibility of forming the League of Peace until the conclusion of the present war. He makes it plain that the United States should have a part in arranging the terms of peace which will end the war.

The President's definition of the line to which the warring nations must hew in making peace, if they desire American co-operation in its maintenance, cuts both ways.

MR. FENTON'S PLAN. The Oregonian has long held the ideal of having an opening functions should be separated. If, however they are now closely joined, the two are lodged in one body in the city of Portland under its existing form of charter.

These facts raise some doubt as to whether the plan proposed by Mr. Fenton for a separate city-levying commission for each county would produce the economy claimed for it if only separation of tax levying and tax spending be considered.

SERIOUS CONTROVERSY over the proposal that the United States revolutionize its foreign policy is to be expected, but only by discussion can the public be educated and public opinion formed on the subject.

ing upon the people, is one reason for the high cost of government. That argument has not been overlooked by the author of the proposal. In our estimation it is the best reason offered for its enactment.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW. The mother-in-law has been formerly vindicated. She is an indispensable institution—an ornament and a necessity in many American families and an outpost from precious few of them.

COMING HOME—SOME OF THEM. Twenty-five thousand Guardsmen have been withdrawn from the border, but our own battery and troop are still in the field.

WE WONDER. The Oregonian believes the people of the state will be surprised to learn that a graduate of the University of Oregon or the Oregon Agricultural College, although each has an equipped and operating department of education, is not permitted to teach in the rural or grade schools of Oregon.

THE WYOMING PLAN. Approved by school officials in several of the Western states, the "Wyoming plan" of military instruction, as recently announced in the news dispatches, serves once more to bring into prominence this method of solving the problem of making boys more efficient without a time-consuming counter to the extreme pacifist sentiment that is met with in every community.

THE RUSSELL CASE. The news that a girl of 14 has qualified as a radio operator does not cause as much surprise as it would have caused two years ago. The war has brought to light, both in this country and in Europe, the wonderful mechanical and manual dexterity of which women are capable.

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW. The National board of review has barred the nude from the films, overlooking a fact that the semi-nude is more demoralizing than the altogether.

THE FARMER AS A HUSBAND. It is not alone a question of keeping the boys on the farm but of doing something more to make the place attractive for girls. It seems Mrs. Kate Barrett, of Virginia, who is conducting a propaganda for better living conditions for women in the country, says that the real danger of the farmer is that he will be unable to find wives.

GLAEMS THROUGH THE MIST. By Dean Collins. THE LIGHTS OF SALEM TOWN. Oh, shining lights of Salem That come as Solons there; How lobbyists still trail 'em, And buttonhole and nail 'em, For nothing can avail 'em A hiding anywhere.

Oh, shining lights of Salem, In legislative halls, How uplifters assail 'em, How sore constituents fall 'em, And many letters mail 'em, And give 'em many calls.

Oh, shining lights of Salem, Who carve the hopeful bill, How fast we'd like to jail 'em; Our favorite hopes, they whale 'em; Our bills, how they curtail 'em; Until it makes us ill.

There is an Ancient Lobbyist, Who stoppeth one of three; "Now wherefore grabbst thou my writ?" And wherefore stopp'st thou me? "The hour is set, the bunch is met In your committee-room; Leave go, old gen, the six per cent, Doth keep me filled with gloom!"

He holds him with his glittering eye, "I have a bill—" said he, "Our cash is spent! The six per cent Will crab thy bill, pardner!"

The Solon he stands like a stone, With boredom in his soul, While the Ancient Lobbyist makes moan And grips his buttonhole.

He holds him with his glittering eye, And makes him pause and list, And thus speaks on that graybeard's giv, The Ancient Lobbyist, "There's lots of 'gents, like Smith and Spence, You're always glad to hear; But there's no bill for good or ill Like this I'm offering here."

"I think 'twill cause, 'mong all the laws Upon our lengthy shelf, A regular thrill; and this here bill—I wrote also myself.

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In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 23, 1892. All is not peace on the sacred precincts of the Courthouse, Assessor Sears and County Clerk Powell are having it out between themselves and the other officials are looking on with interest.

The Chamber of Commerce last night elected officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Thomas F. Osborne, president; Charles H. Dodd, first vice-president; Sam S. Ladd, second vice-president; W. S. Ladd, treasurer.

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London, Jan. 22.—The neglect of the German Kaiser to observe the respect due to the Duke of Clarence is resented in court circles here. The Emperor went on a shooting expedition to Buchsburg on the evening of the Duke's death, although he had been apprised his condition was desperate.

The Chamber of Commerce building has progressed rapidly since it was cleared up. The iron for the second floor is about all in place and a road start has been made on the walls of the second story.

HAIR A CENTURY AGO. From The Oregonian of January 23, 1867. Nearly 18 months have passed since the death of the principal conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and still the plot remains a mystery.

D. Cavanaugh, secretary of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, has issued an announcement that the grand benefit ball to be given March 18 at Oro Fino Hall.

P. G. Schwatka, Jr., has been appointed to the West Point Military Academy.

Nearly every German Prince has at least \$100,000 invested in American securities and the King of Hanover, who is said to be a native-born American, has his throne, has half a million in his loans.

W. B. Carter, editor of the Corvallis Gazette, has been in Portland for a few days on business connected with the Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

King Peppel is dead. Peppel was the African native whom English civilization tried in vain to convert. His visit to England was an event noted in the news, but he returned to his palace—three miles distant from the river Bonny. His annual income was placed at \$75,000 and his subjects were native traders.

BIBLE IS QUOTED ON DIVORCE. Christ Held to Have Condemned Institution Unequivocally. CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian contains a letter from an ex-minister, a divorced man, who claims that he is still a Christian and does not believe in divorce. The church because he was not received with open arms after his divorce, either permit or justified divorce for any reason, whether or not he is a Christian that Christ and the apostles stood at all times for the indissolubility of the marriage contract.

AN ABORIGINAL ANANIAS. Old Indian George, the ancient "Lo" seen by the whites, has been found to have been entombed in snow in town and wilderness. He said the moss upon the trees, the fir on Thomas cats, the bones of the bones, the best interest of our schools will be conserved by the re-election of Mr. Alderman, and that for more than one year he has been under consideration for the doctor because they believed he would give this and other matters such serious consideration, and they find no objections in the decision at which he has arrived.

ANSWER TO BACHELOR'S PRAYER. I would not ask a city life, With city noises loud, For olden times, when there among the busy crowd, I want the sheen of meadows green, The sweet, untainted air, I want to feel the fresh breeze Come stealing through my hair.

I want a little bungalow And lots of flowers, too, A small white kitchen, where I'll reign And show what I can do, I want to do the heavy work, And pigeons up above; But first of all, I want the sort Of man whom I can love.