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The N. E. A.

It is worthy of note that the call, issued sixty-one years ago for the organization of a general association, out of which has grown the National Education Association of today, set forth its purpose to "advance the dignity, respectability and usefulness of the teaching profession..."

With 20,000,000 children enrolled in the common schools of the country, the importance of the teacher as a factor—moral, and industrial, and civil, and spiritual—in the development of the Nation cannot be overestimated.

Those who, realizing that it is costing us more and more to be governed as the years run on and are inclined to find fault with conditions, will obtain enlightenment if not comfort in a lecture recently delivered by Comptroller Frederic G. New...

While appropriations for all municipal purposes for the greater city in the first four-year period mentioned were \$365,811,193, and for the four-year period which includes the present year were \$15,535,627...

The schools evidently profited by the increases, however. They got greater attendance. And the school system is what we pretend it to be, was worth something.

Then there are the libraries, the per capita expenditure for which has increased from \$0.68 to \$2.4. And recreation, which the people must have, in recognition of the adage that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

In health, in the care of dependents, in miscellaneous charities, in hospitals and in work for the welfare of children, there has been wonderful progress, too, entailing, of course, increases in expenditures.

Representative Rogers says that "it makes no difference whether these are the 'do they bit' of their own countries or in the United States," but that it is intolerable that they should escape it scot-free.

in a jiffy. There is a farm colony for the indigent aged. Children are being placed in private homes, rather than in institutions for care and training.

These are only glimpses of the activities in which the city is engaged which were most notably in the thought of twenty years ago.

It does not cost much more to furnish "protection to life and property" than it used to. That is to say, the fire and police departments are on nearly the same per capita basis as of old, and it is worth noting that the cost of legal advice, per capita, has gone up only a few cents.

The intention of Portland in building a great auditorium was to identify it with large affairs, representative of its enterprise and expressive of its future.

It is a happy thing for the future of the auditorium in the life of the community in all its phases—educational, cultural, musical, social, political, professional, commercial—that the first musical festival held within its walls should have been so distinguished a success.

Well, yes. But we have had no public possession, such as the stadium here in Portland, which should be peculiarly Portland's own among North-western cities.

Let us congratulate the sponsors of the festival for their fine conception and its marvelous fruition; and let us be grateful to the many participants who have contributed so rich and generous a feast.

The purported draft numbers circulated in Portland the other day had their origin either in a misunderstanding or in the feeble mind of some practical joker.

But it is well to remind the public that selections for military service when made and ready for announcement will be by means of unusual procedure.

A novel and intricate situation is presented by the efforts made in Connecticut to enter into diplomatic negotiations with the governments of our allies for the inclusion of their subjects in the coming draft for our own Army.

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Christian Endeavor comfort bags will lack cigarettes and playing cards, and will be fine swapping material.

fact that if all the aliens of allied origin who registered but are now exempt were made subject to the call, they would reduce the liability of the individual registered American by about 19 per cent.

There is not complete evidence that all the determined effort to have total prohibition incorporated in the food-control bill is actuated by sincere belief that prohibition is a military necessity.

War has provided a device for the opportunity which no one is quick to discern a psychological moment for pressing some issue foreign to the subject.

There are, too, the professional equal suffragists. Granting of the electoral privilege to women is now advanced as a war measure.

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Another move of the same kind has been made in regard to Lewis machine guns. An order was given for the chambered for American ammunition, tests of this type of gun having shown only eleven stoppages for 22,000 rounds fired.

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hold the people as a subjugated race in the same condition as the negroes of an African colony. In discussing the future of Belgium, the manifesto reveals the purpose to Germanize the people by saying:

The aim to enrich Germany at the expense of annexed territory is apparent in the following passage of a manifesto issued by a number of leading German professors:

The security of the German empire in a future war imperiously demands for all beds of minerals, including the fortresses of Loewig and Verdun, which will be especially of coal rich in bitumen, and especially of great quantities of coal, which abounds in the basin of the north of France.

These policies, particularly that of expropriating and Germanizing subjugated industries, are being carried out by Prince von Dueslow, the ex-Chancellor of the Reich, "Imperial Germany."

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Strange People of Caucasus. Georgians, Who Demand Autonomy, Said to Be Older Race Than the Egyptians.

The news that a political party in Transcaucasian Georgia has started a movement for the autonomy of this district of Russia brings into the focus of world interest one of the most historic divisions of the great Slav empire.

There are perhaps 1,250,000 Georgians in the Caucasus region, comprising fully one-half the population. They are the great aristocrats of the country, and with every reason for their pride in ancestry.

The Georgian women have been famous for centuries as the foremost beauties of the Near East and the men are the greatest dandies in the world.

For many years the Georgians seemed to be quite content under the rule of the Czar in St. Petersburg and the elder Dumas testified to the fact that "the Georgian is a light-hearted slave, gay even to servitude."

The Kaiser's Soliloquy. By James Barton Adams. Farewell a long farewell to all my greatness!

Who by the power of his fighting arm would sweep the crimson whies from all who dared Put up a warlike front and strive to gash

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SALEMITES TO HAVE CELEBRATION Former Residents of Capital Will Cast Dignity Aside at Oaks Today.

There will be a reunion of Salemites, now resident in Portland, at the Oaks tomorrow (Saturday). They will be reinforced by a large contingent from Salem.

There will be no display of military or anatomy. Dress suits and tuxedos are taboo. There will be no smoking and no "chief motif."

Probate of Will. Hillsdale, Or., July 5.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly publish the various steps that a will has to go through

Names of Drug Manufacturers. PORTLAND, July 6.—(To the Editor.)—Please send me a list of medical manufacturers and their addresses.

Proportions in Concrete. WASCO, Or., July 5.—(To the Editor.)—Please publish how to mix cement for concrete.

"Horse Laugh" in Bible. PORTLAND, July 6.—(To the Editor.)—There is the earliest example in literature or history of the "horse laugh."

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FACING DEATH IN A SUBMARINE.—What happens when a shell or a torpedo hits a submarine? With increasing frequency the press dispatches tell of one of the Kaiser's U-boats being sent to the bottom by the accurate firing of American, French or British gunners.

READY FOR N. E. A. CONVENTION.—Thousands of teachers from all parts of the country will be in Portland next week. The National Education Convention will be in progress at the Auditorium.

HOW ATHLETICS HELP TO MAKE FIGHTERS.—Are you a baseball player, or have you been a baseball player in your youth? If so, you'll have a running start in becoming a good soldier.

NO END TO OLD FAVORITE POEMS.—Has your favorite poem been printed in The Sunday Oregonian? Maybe it will appear tomorrow. A full page of verse written in the past and printed every Sunday.

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, July 7, 1902.

Some of the good Summer reading books now at J. K. Gill & Co. are "A Window in Thrums," "A Transplanted Rose," "Phra, the Phoenician," "Thelma, a Norwegian Princess," "The Little Mill," "Everybody's Writing Desk," "A Common Man" and "Rifla, Rod and Gun."

The second annual convention of the Pacific Amateur Press Association will be held in this city beginning July 11. The session will be at the First Presbyterian Church.

THE DALLIES, Or., July 3.—(To the Editor.)—I herewith submit something that may be of assistance to some regarding better and cheaper food and a saving of sugar.

Every grower of fruit, especially peaches and prunes, can make an article of dried fruit superior to any factory stock and at same time save sugar by producing it. How?

REASON FOR VILLA EXPEDITION Correspondent Believes It Was to Harden Army for Bigger Things to Come.

CAMAS, Wash., July 6.—(To the Editor.)—There has been a great deal of criticism upon President Wilson's policy of sending troops down to Mexico to "capture" Villa.

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