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MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news articles appearing in this paper.

FOR THE NATION'S WELFARE The great work of shipbuilding in and about Portland is practically at a standstill because the men are on strike.

That is plain statement of the situation, made without prejudice or passion. The Oregonian thinks that the first essential to the settlement of any controversy is a clear and candid understanding of the facts.

It might be worth, indeed, against the general wish, venerable and powerful hands, such as the President's. But the President has given no sign that he sides with their demand for a closed shop.

It is not intended herein to imply that the increased price is wholly due to change in methods of distribution. Increase in number and capacity of canneries, and development of new refrigerating transportation have greatly extended the Western fish market and materially influenced prices.

Why the fish peddler should have gone out of business does not know, unless his demise is caused by the appeal to the fastidiousness of a people able to pay. Today the particular fish purchaser goes to the market where the product of sea and river is abundantly available.

How much the American farmer is doing to feed the world is illustrated by a map with an article in The Nation's Business. While it purports to show business conditions, the text shows conditions corresponding closely with crop conditions.

Notwithstanding these blots, the water of the Nile would support a crop of 2,300,000,000 bushels of corn; 720,000,000 bushels of wheat and 12,500,000 bales of cotton.

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in agriculture is far more, and in this the American farmer excels. His growing prosperity and the larger supply of capital which has been placed at his disposal by the rural credit system enable him to make greater use of machinery, and thus to enlarge this unit of production with-out more men.

ONE GREAT PUBLIC ASSET. The Oregonian supposes that the Multnomah Athletic Club would disclaim any purpose to assume the role of a reformer or of a factor in the various uplift movements which have been carried on in the city and throughout the country during the past several decades.

The Multnomah Athletic Club has acquired a membership of approximately 400 members, and it needs 1000 more if its work shall be carried forward at a high standard.

The present low initiation fee of \$5 will be increased on October 1 to \$25. Already 875 applicants have sought the applicant's condition is fully given the free use of its athletic field for worthy purposes.

THE PEDDLER NEXT? Portland is headed toward first principles in the sale of fish at the Ad Club's market, but the point has not yet been reached.

Fish peddling continued until a much later period in the Puget Sound cities. The canneries were not established so early.

FRANCE DEFENDER OF CIVILIZATION. Rally of one nation after another to the alliance against Germany's conquering armies and the barbarous methods of warfare pursued by Germany.

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anywhere between 175,000 and 300,000 men, but victory rested with the Romans, and the Goths.

ABOUT SECRET DIPLOMACY. The diplomatic conspiracy by which Germany and Austria plunged the world into war has led to much condemnation of secret diplomacy which ignores the proper limits between secrecy and publicity.

In the former case the nations concerned had absolutely no voice in the matter before they were committed to the path which was to lead to the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

As the great barriers of the Alps have been obliterated by the soaring cables and the telegraph, the telephone and the automobile, it leads in inventive and manufacturing skill and in supply of all the necessary materials.

The United States seems destined to take the lead in air means of communication, as it did with the cable, the telegraph, the telephone and the automobile.

Castor oil is the best lubricant for aeroplane motors as well as for small boats' insides, and is extracted from castor beans, which come mainly from the Pacific Islands.

The scene of hostilities is no place for a Congressional junketing or smelting committee, and President Wilson did well to squelch the scheme to send one to France.

The resignation of a Eureka pastor because his salary was insufficient is gentle reminder to all churches that the Pacific clergyman is now held as the layman.

October 9 is the anniversary of the Chicago fire forty-six years ago, and that is why that date is chosen for Prevention day.

Currency as substitute for coin has one great advantage. It can be hidden in more ways than the predeceased wife.

The modification shown by the local carmen is commendable. There is a hint of firmness in it, however.

Illinois elected Billy Mason, J. Ham Low and other "republicans," but Bill Thompson will make it gas.

Stars and Starmakers. Louise Chalfonts, prima donna de luxe with Kolb and Dill at the Helbig in "The High Cost of Living," was a newspaper girl in Los Angeles.

Speaking of Kolb and Dill, the manager of the company is Bill Jacobs, one of the best known newspaper men in California.

Robert Glecker, leading man of the Baker stock company, is now in the east supporting Billie Burke.

Warren Jackson, Portlander, who played bits with the Baker folk a season or so ago, and who wandered from our midst as a bit of atmosphere with the "September Morn" company, is now stage manager with "Oh, Boy!" in the Eastern company.

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WHY EAT LESS MEAT AND BREAD? Writer Assumes Campaign is Directed at High Cost of Living.

OAK GROVE, Or., Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—Who gets the benefit of the needless and needless data that are now advocated? Why deny ourselves the things we want unless we can really benefit some needy one thereby?

I believe in conservation of food and in reducing the high cost of living, which is often the root of high living. It did not take this wartime nor high prices to make me think of conserving food.

In so many little things women of America should become better acquainted with the high price of foodstuffs. Only a regulation in prices for the producer, the commission man (if needed) together with learning to buy and using what we need will help in the cost of living.

The primary purpose of the campaign for needless and wasteful days is not to reduce the high cost of living, but to conserve those articles of food which have keeping and transportation qualities and of which there is a world shortage.

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In Other Days. Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian September 27, 1892. New York—Grover Cleveland has written a letter accepting his nomination for President on the Democratic ticket.

A pressed brick manufactured by Robertson & Alexander, owners of the Portland Pressed Brick Works was submitted to the Portland Iron Works and came out with the world's record badly beaten.

Among the attractions at the Portland Industrial Exposition is a model of the great battleship Oregon which will be completed in 1894.

Margaret Mather, perhaps one of the best-known of the legitimate star-today will appear at the Marquam Grand next week. She will offer the curtain raiser "Niece Oldfield," the Ellen Terry version of Charles Reade's sketch "Art," for those who like the intense style, her latest successful tragedy, "The Egyptian," "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Lady of Lyons."

Olympia—James Biles was elected grand master of the Masons at the conclusion here last week.

The roan mare "Nettie" defeated the sorrel horse "Atlas" in an exciting race at Hillsboro yesterday which went for the honor of being the "fastest horse" time being 2:23.

"West of the Mississippi" is the title of a book which has just reached the library. It is the compiled letters written to the New York Tribune with some additional notes. It contains an engraved picture of Portland taken in 1855.

DRAFT NEXT FOR SHIPBUILDING Navy Men Advocate Making Men Work or Go to Trenches.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—For some time past I have been desirous of expressing my opinion as regards the strike in the different shipyards and it seems to me that it is the right time to do it.

STRIKE DUE TO GLIB AGITATORS Such is Correspondent's Opinion After Reading of Sunday Meeting.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—The action taken by the shipbuilding unions is a disgrace to the American people of Portland and a disgrace to the nation.

Duration of Food Control.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 21.—(To the Editor.)—As I understand it, the food control law recently passed by Congress is in effect for the duration of the war.

But he thinks flung the truth abroad on every breeze: "Upon the lands and seas."

So honor we them who smote the lie Dead in the traitor's teeth—Editors, poets, men who vie Not for the warrior's wreath.

So honor them who march not with the drums Or when the gray ships steer To smite the world with fear.

Not all the battles are at sea Or on the ocean's track: Someone must fight for liberty In our own native land.

Inside the walls the traitors lurk And chant far words of "Peace," But for the German cause they work And Germany's release.

So honor them who wield the pen To combat foes at home, Stammer battle line of writing men Far flung on freedom's loam!

Style and Wedding Closets. "I suppose you are busy having your wedding clothes made?"

A Look Ahead. Didn't you know you could afford a car?

Knicker—Didn't you know you could afford a car?

Boeker—I may be able to next year and this is next year's car.