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SUFFRAGE IN NEW YORK

One may obtain considerable amusement from a discussion intended to be serious by perusing the arguments on woman suffrage presented in New York prior to the recent election.

In the Times, which openly opposed extension of the franchise, Mrs. Gertrude Atherton published a letter containing the idea that the loyal, thinking women of New York should vote for Hylan or Hillquit.

But George W. Wickersham, former United States Attorney-General, who followed with a reply the next day, thought that the reverse would be true.

With addition to the electorate, consisting of 7,000,000 voters, untrained to take part in public affairs, unaccustomed to the exercise of the franchise, unaccustomed to think seriously of political problems, the chance of the election of a Hillquit or a Hylan would be greatly increased.

The election is over and it is impossible to say positively that Mrs. Atherton was right, but we believe she was. But the way the voters who were accustomed to Tammany politics of political problems did not vote for Mitchell, but elected the Tammany candidate and ran up the Socialist Hillquit to a strong third place was marvellous to witness.

But as already remarked, we believe that Mrs. Atherton was right. Observation of woman suffrage in Oregon strengthens belief that in municipal elections women do direct thinking. It is difficult to convince a woman that partisan prestige, National policies in the abstract, or demagogic promises would get an office, is of more importance than a clean, economical city government.

All the old fears and cherished prejudices concerning woman suffrage have gone to the winds, and with possibly one exception. Women have not become political gossips to the injury of home environment; they are as strong militarists as men when necessity for military service; they are not more tenacious of prejudice than men.

required to keep a strict account and to pay a royalty fixed by competent authority. The money thus collected will be held in the treasury of the owners of the patents after-patent has been made.

The contrast between the two methods is marked. Germany resorted to confiscation from the citizens of a Nation with whom she was not then at war. The United States proposes compensation to private owners even though we are at war.

UNFAIR. The Federal Wage Adjustment Board, in its determination of the issues in the shipyard strike, had nothing to say about unions or union recognition; yet, of course, it decided several things for which the unions were contending, in their favor.

Now the strike in Portland has proceeded to the boycott and the blacklisting of materials so far as it is concerned. The Government is moving toward mediation, with partial success in California, but with no success in the Pacific Northwest.

It is difficult, and usually impossible, to win a strike without popular support. We can think of no more effective way, just now, when the public mind is engrossed with the war and the public will is concentrated upon a determination to win it, at any cost.

CRITICISM OF THE WAR TAX. One duty of the citizen who intends to do his share in the winning of the war is to pay with due cheerfulness the taxes levied upon him by the Government.

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ject, and, therefore, of militarism itself. The work should begin now of training the boys in the high schools and colleges and the young men who have already passed into active life from those institutions.

BRAZIL'S PART IN THE WAR. Intervention of Brazil in the war reinforces the allied nations with a navy of no mean importance. It includes four battleships, four cruisers, five torpedo gunboats, two river monitors, seven gunboats, ten destroyers, four torpedo-boats and three submarines, besides many auxiliaries.

QUITE THE CONTRARY. The feeling which survives from the Russo-Japanese war, and which caused the sending of a Japanese army to drive Russia from the support of the Bolsheviks, is now being revived.

KANSAS IS FORWARDED WITH ITS PLANS for speeding up food production in 1918, and is already organizing boys' wheat clubs, the leaders of the movement concentrating their energies upon the counties in which little or no wheat was produced this year.

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ODD ORIGIN OF OREGON NAMES

Nomenclature in Cottage Grove Vicinity Sometimes Deceptive. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Nov. 8.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian and the Coquille Gazette-Times have been having quite a discussion concerning the peculiarity and derivation of the names of places, mountains and streams of Oregon.

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SOUNDNESS LIES BELOW FRANKS

Y. M. C. A. Campaign to Prove That Boys' Mischief Is Only Skin Deep. PORTLAND, Nov. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Food for thought is found in the Army Y. M. C. A. campaign, which is coming through on schedule time next week.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian November 10, 1892. The returns for Oregon show Harrison's count 37,863; Harrison 37,863; Weaver 20,972 and Cleveland 10,242.

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