

The Oregonian

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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1918.

New channels of trade must be opened. Ship lines must be established that will place Oregon in direct connection with the business of foreign ports...

As in every other important endeavor, farming in Oregon has had a year of setbacks. Notwithstanding unfavorable growing conditions and the consequent shortage of most of the major crops, the value of farm production in 1917 showed a big gain over 1916.

Without a foundation has been laid upon which has been built not only present prosperity but a structure of wealth and development that neither continuance of war nor advent of peace is likely to wreck or depreciate.

PARISHAN OR PATRIOT? In its effort to make political capital out of the war, the Oregonian either has forgotten or deliberately chooses to ignore the fact that it is a newspaper at the time of the Spanish-American war.

Well, no. The Oregonian has not forgotten anything worth remembering as to the Spanish-American war, nor its antecedent or subsequent conditions. The Oregonian, it would appear, did not fail in its duty then, for it made public the scandalous facts about various features of our unpreparedness and inefficiency.

ARMY DISCIPLINE AND EQUALITY. It is most significant that several provisions against the dividing line which is drawn in the Army between commissioned officers and enlisted men call forth a letter of condemnation from a veteran non-commissioned officer to the Army and Navy Journal.

Rehabilitation of the lumber industry made the past year an epochal one. For a long period lumbering had been in a more or less depressed condition. Paradoxical as it may appear, it remained for modern warfare, with its great engines of destruction, thought of only in terms of steel, to find an important place for wood and wood products.

a practical matter, it is extremely difficult for a man to maintain authority over another with whom he associates in familiar social intercourse; hence the law of treason.

COMING DOWN TO EARTH. Readiness with which courses of instruction in astronomy in several American colleges have been converted to courses of navigation and piloting furnishes another illustration of our adaptability in the National emergency.

It appears that Congress has, in fact, presented an outright amendment to the National Prohibition act, which would reduce the penalties for violation of the law to those for violation of the National Prohibition act.

IT'S AIRIGHT. Objection to the technical wording of the National prohibition amendment first expressed by Senator Borah is not the only well-intentioned criticism offered as to the phrasing of the amendment.

The citizen who does not read the newspapers is more than ever placed at a disadvantage in these times when the government is increasing its requirements of the citizen.

These British boys, home born and colonial, who are enlisting are doing it with a determination and steadfastness, just as American boys are doing in neutral lands. Heroes all!

There is a man in Washington who has the hardest job since the time of Abraham Lincoln. Let us wish him the best for 1918.

Since there is nothing left to swear off, why not cut out the worry? This is a good old U. S. of A., and she's going to win.

While the wishing cap is on, let us include Judge McCredie and the Beavers.

An Apache will be all right in the Red Cross until he gets near the battle line.

Why Not End the War? By Harrison Rhodes, of the Vigilantes. Most people say they wish the war was over. Well, then, why not end it? Why not end it by making war efficiently, untidily, wholeheartedly?

Treason offers a case exactly in point with the hypothetical one presented by the Sun. In Oregon treason is defined but no penalty attaches to its commission.

Why wait for Mr. Hoover to put us on our feet as hard as Germany, save as much and eat as little as she does. And we must not wait for the command to come from someone in the National Executive Council.

MONET-RAISING METHODS WRONG. Writer Would Have Government Assess Costs of War Relief. PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—It is my understanding that the Red-Cross is an organization headed by a man who is indirectly backed by it because of the good that it performs.

Countenance is not true index. Bookworms Cannot Be Truly Judged Within Questioning. PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—I am a bookworm, as the title says, and I have a few books to show for it.

LIFE'S STAGE—1918. Old Father Time has done again! The hands upon the dial turned; For some the candle has burned.

The curtain rises, the play's begun, We laugh or cry as is our mood; Presto! in the middle of the fun!

Causes of 1907 Panic. PERRYVILLE, Or., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Fiscal state, the cause of 1907 Panic. Was it English financiers or American financiers who caused it, or was it too much speculation?

MONROE DOCTRINE AND THIRD TERM. PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is the Monroe Doctrine an international law or is it merely a National policy, with all powers saved our right to adopt that policy?

STOLEN AUTOS WORTH \$470,000. Year's Thefts in Portland Would Require Four-Mile Street for Parking. PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—The writer, Friday evening, left an Overland car on Alder street between West Park and Tenth while attending a picture show.

Who is to blame for this condition? Apparently not the police as they are in no position to make a case if the owner of the stolen car does not prosecute. It is reported that most of the owners feel forced to get some laws passed to protect their customers and give them the security to which they are entitled.

There will be no issue of The Oregonian tomorrow, this day being one of the four great annual holidays on which the paper is printed.

OLD GLORY'S APPEAL. What am I and what do I mean to you, With my alternate stripes of red and white? And do I light stars in a field of gold? Does my beauty alone your soul delight?

LESSON FROM ANCIENT EGYPT. Herodotus Cited to Illustrate Danger in Discarding Clever Gum. PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—In Book II, chapter 86, Herodotus gives a very complete description of the manner of embalming the dead in Egypt.

CHILDHOOD. Ah! the days of my childhood give my mythical lore, To my heart in its joy as I'm musing them o'er, For in all of my youth I was glad I was free.

As I lingered around 'mid the drowsy pine trees, And their low-moaning song crept along the eaves, And the catarrax leapt in his boisterous glee.

Quite An Enquiry. Detroit Free Press. "He's a stamp collector." "Postage or thrift?"

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 1, 1893. San Francisco.—It is learned today that, owing to the competition of clipper ships between San Francisco and New York, the transcontinental roads have again upon several important cuts in freight rates, to go into effect January 5.

The river is fast resuming its normal condition. The current is becoming less rapid and scarcely any driftwood is running. Yesterday the regular Stark-street ferry was running.

The new year was ushered in this morning with the blowing of whistles and horns and the clanging of bells. The discordant notes could be heard for miles.

Postmaster Steel was notified some time ago that the Postoffice Department had prepared a new set of postage stamps and stamped envelopes to be known as the Columbian series. Yesterday a lot of these stamps were received here, and they will be placed on sale at once.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of January 1, 1868. Jacksonville.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in Hanley, California, for the purpose of constructing a wagon road from Ashland in this county over the mountains interconnecting between this valley and the Klamath Lake Valley.

An alarm of fire was rung from the bell of several engine-houses about 8:30 last evening, proceeding from the burning of a tar barrel somewhere in the neighborhood of Morrison and Third streets.

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The old year is busted. Tattered and torn, it has gone to sleep with its fathers. Who cares for it? I want a new year, anyhow. During 1868 the women are to run the machine. It is leap year, and they may exercise their prerogative whenever they see fit.

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