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Portland, Saturday, Feb. 16, 1918.

THE WEATHER.

The little effort of old Boreas to inflict on western Oregon a visitation of snow has been abandoned, and the streets of Portland are again clear and only the adjacent hills show any sign of the recent downfall.

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There are in Washington at least eight secret intelligence agencies, according to a Cabinet officer and all accredited through various channels.

SHIPWORKERS ALSO EIGHTERS. Although the war cannot be won without ships and although three tons of shipping were sunk for each ton of land forces.

PROPAGANDA, NOT MEDIATION. Instead of performing the proper function which its name implies, the President's special mediation board which has been trying to adjust labor affairs in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry is trying to hook or crook the adoption of the eight-hour day.

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every-day modes. Mr. Shonts' plan possesses greater interest than the ordinary fashion note because of the influence it is likely to have upon the work of working women in every other field where they may be employed.

WILL SKIP-STOP COME BACK? That interesting experiment of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, known as the "skip-stop" system of operating cars, has all but been forgotten by the Portland public.

OUR SPECIALISTS IN WAR. Where would the United States have been in its war preparations without the regular Army? The professional soldier has been an object of detestation by politicians and demagogues for years.

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A Rancher's Soldier Boy. By James Barton Adams. I've been to the soldier camp, mother, and spent a whole day with our boys.

He's changed a whole lot since he left us here on the old farm fur to do his bit for the flag and world freedom.

He isn't the country laddie an' slouchy no more that in his walk. He was in his plowin' an' chortin' an' helpin' take care o' the stock.

He's a man in a manly appearance that I surely regarded as great. Looks like they've been makin' him out in a new style of physical form.

That sure is a master improvement to the old build when he worked on the farm. An' his face is a mighty fine picture o' health an' his eyes has a light.

Right there in 'em of Vancouver Barracks there's thousands o' patriot lads like that, when called on for action 'll honor their mothers an' dads.

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ALL DAYS SHOULD BE SMOKELESS. Nothing in Favor of Tobacco Habit. Says This Observer. PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—"Every wife knows she could do more readily quit tobacco. No doubt it is but how about the wives of the men who make the 'smokes'?"

Thanks for the text. The housewife is right. Tobacco, viewed from the standpoint of an economic waste, is a menace to the country.

It shall be asked: "How about the wives of the men who make the 'smokes'?" let us inquire how about the wives of men who sold whisky before the alcohol was outlawed.

The writer never touches whisky and never the saloon was always a great source of evil to the people. But when laws are passed and regulations are made which make it impossible to get such ready victims of prohibition.

But tobacco! It hasn't a leg to stand on. It is of no economic use whatever. Tobacco could be put under the ban without any great harm to the health of a single individual in the Nation.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 16, 1893. Three persons were instantly killed and 16 were seriously injured in the latest street railroad accident in Portland.

Salem—The Stanley Albina bridge bill vetoed and the veto the Gillison bill appropriating \$10,000 for the maintenance of the Oregon National Guard are up for consideration.

Mr. Cleveland makes formal announcement that Judge Gresham, who was a member of Arthur's Cabinet and Republican candidate for President in 1888, will be his Secretary of State.

Work on the county bridge at Troutdale was resumed Monday and its completion will be hurried.

NOT ALWAYS EXHIBITED BY TEACHERS. Says Father of Pupil. PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I have been following the proceedings of the controversy at Jefferson High School and in the S. C. May and Himpel case and am in perfect accord with the decision.

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