

The Oregonian

Portland, Oregon. Entered as second-class matter... Portland, Monday, March 18, 1918.

Sea and Turkistan, though it has railroads... As a means of drawing off enemy troops from the main fields of operations in Europe, the Asiatic campaigns of the British are a valuable contribution to allied success.

WOMEN AS LOGGERS, LUMBERJACKS. Replacement of male with female workers has gone so far in Great Britain that a "Women's Forestry Corps" has been formed to do the work of logging and sawmills which is done in this country by husky lumberjacks.

They are the loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen of the old country, but are far more modestly paid than the members of that organization on the Pacific Coast.

When women invade such occupations as those of the lumberman, machinist and shipbuilder, there seems to be no limit to their progress.

THE ALMANAC SEASON. A Marion County farmer who is about to engage in the solemn rite of planting onions according to the signs of the zodiac writes for advice.

HOPE IN THE CONCRETE SHIP. Launching of the concrete ship Faith at Redwood City, Cal., turns attention to the concrete ship.

TO WORK OR TO JAIL. New Jersey has been added to the number of states which propose to discourage idleness under the penalty of the law.

FUTURE OF THE WAR IN ASIA. Occupation of Ukraine by Germany and Austria and the peace treaty between Russia and Turkey add importance to the situation in the light of freedom.

FIRE WASTE. The economic loss to the country in 1917, according to figures of the actuarial bureau of the National Bureau of Fire Underwriters, was \$40,466,054.

Work for alien enemies, due to the work of alien enemies, is being worked out. But there is a significant passage in the underwriters' report, in which the causes of the preventable fires in one of the states—New York—are given in detail.

Writing for the New York Tribune, Theodore M. Knappen urges that the Fleet Corporation should not await the result of these experiments, but that, on the principle of "use it or lose it," it should gamble on the concrete ship to the amount of \$500,000,000 by immediately building five hundred of 5000 tons each.

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The man impelled to run from his wife with a butcher knife in her hand ought to keep on going.

Just the right weather for the war garden. The too ambitious gardener cannot work in wet soil.

There is material for a pretty romance in the mystery of Major White's steed.

Looks like Portland's supremacy in shipbuilding will continue after the war.

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Secretary Baker now has some idea how it feels to ride in the caboose.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, March 18, 1893. Washington.—The row between Cleveland and the Democratic Senate is already on. Cleveland did not notify the Senate of his appointment, and the Senate adjourned without paying any attention to nomination.

Pittsburg.—Delegates of ministers and laymen, prohibitionists principally, met here to formulate a new National party.

Salem.—According to reports received by Secretary Irvine, the work of collecting Oregon's exhibit for the World's Columbian Exposition is progressing well.

The City Auditor yesterday received many requests for the new city charter and supplied a good many copies of it to callers at his office.

The city's street-cleaning forces were augmented yesterday by the arrival of a new sweeper.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, March 18, 1868. The celebration of the day yesterday was a big success, although the weather was bad.

Mayor Chapman has vetoed an ordinance which was recently passed by the council empowering the authorities to employ city prisoners on public street work.

I. R. Moores has returned from Oregon City, where he went on business connected with the right of way of the Oregon Central Railroad, East Side line.

The steamer Active ran afoul of a snag in the Slough the other day, stove a hole in her bottom, and was later repaired and is in service again.

The Guard. (The author of the following poem, which has attracted wide attention, is Joseph Edmund Eaton, an Oregon boy and former student at O. A. C. He is now with the aviation branch in France.)

Oh, it's guard, guard, o'er the earth so hard, Through the night wind's fitful blast, Where the hollow tread, on the frozen dead, Makes ghostly shadows pass.

It's guard, guard, where the shadows fall, And the light plays o'er the plain; And I breathe too deep to keep from sleep, And make the round again.

In ghastly shanks against the sky, The white trunks stand in the bushes, While cold and bright is the beacon light.

And aches hang to the moon, Oh, it's guard, guard, o'er the icy ward, And never a moment cease, We eyes alert for danger's start, And always the O. D.'s.

My hands are numb, yet watch must keep, O'er the hangar's gift we bring, Where the eagles sleep, with ne'er a beat, Of their giant widespread wings.

The wolf-dog's bay comes faint and far, The cock's incoherently cry, Greet us, that rises quiet and gray, And fades the morning star.

A step now rings through chill night, The frosty path I bar, Then say goodbye, with a heartfelt sigh: 'Tis the corporal of the guard!

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