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The United States to establish once for all the right of a man to change his allegiance and to claim citizenship of his native country upon him.

TILLMAN. The expected death of Benjamin R. Tillman may turn out to be a public misfortune...

How to Resist—Send postpaid money order, express or registered letter to local bank, stamps, coin or currency at owner's risk, give postoffice address...

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1918.

THE ARCTIC GATEWAY CLOSED.

The urgency of allied intervention in Russia is increased by the revelations in regard to the relations of Germany to Finland and of the latter country to Russia.

A secret convention exists between Germany and Finland, which has been kept secret ever since the armistice...

WHAT SHOULD HE DO? The Rev. John Roach Straton, not unknown in Portland as an authority on cities and their greatness...

IS A NAVAL BATTLE NEAR? The Kaiser's boast that the high seas fleet will soon challenge the allies to a naval battle by going to sea cannot safely be dismissed as a mere piece of propaganda for home consumption.

CITIZENSHIP OF SOLDIERS. One effect of the mingling of nations produced by the war has been that the citizenship of many persons has been badly mixed.

GOATS MILK. The economic importance of that anciently established institution, the milk goat, looms anew in the light of a threatened shortage of all food products.

Significance of Address. GILMER, Wash., June 29.—(To the Editor) Young man's address (now in France) is given in part as: "Headquarters Troop, A. P. O. 730."

Application of Draft Treaty. THE DALLIES, Or., June 26.—(To the Editor)—Would a former Canadian, that is, one who has first papers in this country, of draft age, who has been in Class 4, Section A, of the draft board in this district, come under the British draft or Canadian draft?

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lives on tenement roofs and in other out-of-the-way places are not being encouraged this year.

GARABED. It is not particularly surprising that the hopes raised by the visionary Garabed T. K. Garabedian of a "free energy" has seemed contradictory from the first.

EAST MONEY. A birthday party for Uncle Sam is the suggestion of a San Francisco citizen. The plan is that each person buy as many postage stamps as he can afford...

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Walla Walla Draws the Line. Grangers Welcome, but Not Anti-Patriots Typhoid by Bouck.

Walla Walla Bulletin. In the absence of an original and concise news account of what was done in Walla Walla in the matter of the disloyal followers of Bouck and the majority of the state grange last week...

In the first place, nobody in Walla Walla had anything but the very best feeling for the grangers when they came. The public was ready to give them Walla Walla's accustomed glad hands.

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In Other Days. Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, July 2, 1868.

Market Square, the open block just east of the Central Schoolhouse, has been selected as the place for exhibiting the fireworks on the evening of the Fourth.

Some periodicals of the city are abusing the commissioners of Multnomah County for purchasing a farm for the support of the county poor.

San Francisco.—Stock gambling is a monstrous evil in San Francisco at present. Even school children, school mistresses, young ladies with some spare change, and married women with more cash than brains, are venturing into the vortex with disastrous results.

An English inventor has recently patented an enormous cannon of 32-inch bore and capable of throwing a 6000-pound shot!

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, July 2, 1893.

The Portland Speed and Driving Association's Spring meeting closed yesterday on a grand track with a big crowd and lively betting.

Columbia, S. C.—The state today took over the liquor business here. There will be a big central dispensary in Columbia which furnishes liquor to county dispensaries, as many a dissembler expressed over the new system. People are buying large quantities of liquor so as not to patronize the dispensaries.

The new Portland library, just completed, is declared to be the most remarkable building in the city. It is the gift of Miss Ella C. Smith.

The Northern Pacific Railroad has reduced the fare to St. Paul to \$25, first-class.

Berlin.—It is estimated that 255 out of 297 members of the German Reichstag will vote for the bill to increase the army.

CONTRACT PLAN IN SHIPYARDS. Advantage of Both Sides Seen in Letting Out Side Work.

PORTLAND, July 1.—(To the Editor.)—In my judgment there is not a member of the Builders' Exchange who is not willing and ready to do his bit to help win the war.

There can be no dispute but that the building contractor, by being exempt from serving in the Army by reason of age or physical condition, can best serve the Government by being permitted to work at his usual and customary occupation or trade on Government work so far as it is possible to do so.

There is also no question but that in connection with every shipyard in the vicinity of Portland there is a large amount of work of this nature which could be turned over to those men with profit to them and advantage to the yards.

These considerations it may be truthfully added that it is a distinct loss for such men, as I am in position to state, to work as journeymen in the shipyards, as many a dissembler has said. Men who, in times of peace, can contract for and erect public and private construction work in a satisfactory manner, running well up in figures, are surely able to handle without any question, the rough, ordinary and temporary construction work connected with wartime shipyards and construction.