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"Not very valuable," a statement which is completely refuted by a list of them recently published.

AUTUMN'S CHEMISTRY. Autumn, with its brightly colored foliage, its brilliant leaves being fast whipped into the air by every gust of wind that blows, appeals no more strongly to the lover of the artistic than to the scientist.

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MRS. SAGE'S MILLIONS. The death of Mrs. Russell Sage at the age of 90 is a reminder of the millions of great wealth who are seriously inclined to dispose of it for the benefit of their fellowmen.

Her establishment of a fund of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of studying living conditions in America, with a view to determining how the remainder of her fortune could be dispersed in the most beneficial manner.

HIGHWAY WORK AS A GOVERNOR. Perhaps the most forcible argument presented in favor of a renewal of road-building and land reclamation in the immediate future is that these projects will furnish the relief which "governor" for the labor situation.

STUDENTS' ARMY TRAINING CORPS. Evidence that these high in authority have not permitted the armistice to deprive them of their sense of proportion will be found in the announcement that, at least for the present, the Students' Army Training Corps units will continue to receive pay and allowances.

When war actually began a most disconcerting blunder was committed that Belgium would not resist invasion and that Great Britain would not intervene.

When Russia prostrated by revolution, Germany expected by installing Bolshevism in power to gain possession of the food, war material and man power of that country.

But if it were to be put out of existence by the destruction of the university and library of Louvain and it is peculiarly appropriate that the lovers of learning in the world should unite in making good the damage so far as possible.

possible. The judgment of their Generals was so much at fault and the military genius of Marshal Joffre was so far superior to the German decision as to have led the Nation in patriotic ardor and contributions to patriotic work.

LOOKING BACKWARD. The World War, as by common consent it has come to be called, will doubtless be the subject of many historical writings from as many viewpoints, and, as facts and documents now secret are made public, new light will be shed on events of which the meaning is now obscure.

The one outstanding fact is that the war has been a final, decisive struggle between the two irreconcilable principles of autocracy and democracy.

It has been said that victory is won by the General who makes the fewest blunders, and this was the Kaiser's initial fundamental blunder.

The most important factor in bringing the war to a decision in the year 1918 was the intervention of the United States. It immediately placed at the disposal of the allies the immense financial and material resources of this country.

When hostilities ceased, the world was still more than eighteen million deadweight tons short of the normal amount of ships. There is no reason to let up in activity at the shipyards.

The Kaiser blundered in assuming that the world could be made to believe the lie that Germany and her confederates were fighting in self-defense.

German officers responsible for the gassing of civilians at Meseres, Monday forenoon, must have quick trials and original and novel punishment. That was the act of barbarians.

The "greatest naval battle" never will get into history. This is disappointing, but, on the whole, the best. If we've got to feed the world, let us get down to two meals a day and quickly get it done.

Der Tag, November 3, 1918. The war I willed has brought me low indeed. And I who sought to dominate the world like some colossal toadling huge on high.

Of power that served to fend my royal self And set apart from all the vulgar throng. This atrocious me. No more shall I enjoy man's homage and the pomp of state.

THOSE WHO GROW NATION'S FOOD. Older Men and Kiddies on the Job From Dawn Till Dark. ST. HELENS, Or., Nov. 11.—(To the Editor) Do not want to seem to be "hurling in" on your editorial.

Yet they will not forget the slacker who describes so fitly. The older men on the farms are doing it by working longer hours, by working in rain in the fields, by going into debt for high priced machinery.

Support of Illegitimate Children. PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(To the Editor)—Quite a long time ago John married Mary. After a time they separated.

THE CELEBRATION. She could not join the rollickers along the crowded way. Who shouted forth in mad acclaim that peace had come to stay.

TOAST TO OLD AGE. Here's to youth in age that springtime brings. Borne from heaven by angel wing! Because you're old don't think you've lost your bloom!

How to Remember It. PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(To the Editor)—Remember the date, 11-11-18. Twice eleven are 22 and four ones are four. Four from 22 leaves 18. On that day the world was made a democracy.

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United States Government Presents Four-Minute Men.

GEORGE L. HAKER. The boys in khaki have finished their part in the great world task. We at home have not finished ours. We have yet to get these heroes safely home.

NO BETTER NOW THAN BEFORE. No Word of Shame or Regret Comes Out of "Reformed" Germany. PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(To the Editor) I hope there will be a unanimous chorus from all newspapers in the country.

Pasturing Early-Sown Wheat. EYRE VALLEY, Or., Nov. 10.—(To the Editor) I have a field of wheat about 40 acres. Some was sown as early as September 15, and so on, until some is just coming up.

THE SCOTCH BROOM. You love to snap your pods today. Where is your gorgeous bloom? 'Twas you adorned the hills of May, My beautiful Scotch broom.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From the Oregonian, No. 43, 1893. Many persons visit the terminal grounds yesterday, as the work is now far enough along to see how the new building will be located.

San Quentin, Cal.—The prison commissioners have decided to go in the boat-racing business. Started today by purchasing 60 of the animals, which will be cared for by the convicts in competition with the local ranchers.

BRAGGADOCIO IS OUT OF PLACE. Victory's Honor Belongs Exclusively to No Single Country. PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(To the Editor) One thing that grated harshly upon the nerves of thousands who witnessed the parade yesterday.

Italy in her last great drive is reported to have taken 1,000,000 prisoners and 15,000,000 worth of booty. The British Empire has contributed 8,000,000 soldiers and she had given 5,000,000 of these within the first 10 months of the war.

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