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FOR LAMINATED, TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 1918. THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. President Wilson, in his address to Congress, expressed in eloquent language the gratitude of the Nation to the soldiers and sailors, the civilian employees of the Government and the millions of men and women in private life who have each done their part in winning the great triumph of democracy over despotism.

The President struck the right note in his reference to the subject of reconstruction. It can best be effected by removing as quickly as possible the restraints which have been necessary, and by leaving the initiative and enterprise of the people to work it out in their own way, with the aid but without undue interference of the Government.

The President's recommendation that some special effort be made by this country to aid the restoration of devastated France is a noble and striking answer which in every American heart, but he might well have added Serbia, Italy, Poland, Roumania and some parts of Greece.

The greatest part which the Government can take properly in the work of reconstruction is in carrying out the plans of Secretary of the Interior Lane, which the President commends to Congress for action.

A CRAZY, OR ONLY QUER? A warrant was issued for the apprehension of a Texas man for the purpose of instituting a civil suit. When the Sheriff served the paper, the man pleaded for time to get his money together.

Where the tree falls, said Colonel Roosevelt, referring to his son's ultimate burial, "let it lie." It is incidentally interesting to trace the quotation. Its spirit is embodied in the third verse of the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes.

For those who are in accord with the interpretation of words of the Statesman who has been placed upon them, there is a movement already on foot to dedicate certain grounds in Flanders and France.

It is not for the purpose of discussing degrees of insanity and the various manifestations of them that this incident is recalled, but to suggest that a man who in these times thinks it necessary to bury his money for safety is at least "queer." If he is not violently insane. That is to say, he is so far subnormal that he is incapable of acting in his own best interest.

immortal how he arrived at his present state of distrust of all mankind; perhaps he has been the victim of swindlers or has been unfortunate in an ill-judged business venture. In any event, he has profited little by his experience. In the long run the man who is his own banker is as likely to lose his funds as if he had trusted them to another. Thieves, predators and elements have a way of preying upon the hermit hoarder that is almost fatalistic.

It was largely because of sympathy for those who are unable to discriminate in their choice of banking facilities that the Federal postal savings bank system was evolved. More recently the war savings stamp and the liberty bond have extended the field of "absolutely safe" investments immeasurably.

OREGON'S RECORD AS A DRY STATE. A most enviable record has been made by Oregon in general, and by Portland in particular, in all war industries, in contributions to every war fund and in subscription to Liberty loans.

There is good reason to believe that one of the controlling motives when Germany sued for peace was the certain impending loss of the iron fields in both French and German Lorraine. The Americans had put the Brierley field in a pocket by their advance east to the Meuse to the Sedan and 1918 was estimated at 18,000,000 tons, but the manufacturers were called upon to supply 20,000,000 tons for war alone.

Recovery of Lorraine by France will transfer supremacy in steel production on the continent of Europe from Germany to that country. Of 41,900,000 tons of iron ore consumed by Germany in 1913, 20,000,000 tons came from Lorraine.

AMINAL GRAVES IN FRANCE. Final disposition of the mortal remains of our honored dead who fell in France will finally be determined by the wishes of the nearest of kin.

A MOVE TO PROMOTE DISCORD. The draft of a treaty of alliance between Germany and Japan, which contains internal evidence of forgery and is being circulated by the extreme Socialists of Germany as having been agreed on by the short-lived government of Prince Max, is important for only one reason.

Without a submarine and her navy trimmed to helplessness, Prussia (not Germany) is obsessed with the divine right and scorn of all else. There yet may be work there for the troops of the allies and the United States.

Whoever "put a head" on a new one—even an evening contemporary—is a rank teetotaler. Next thing somebody will want to move Mount Hood and reverse the Willamette.

Discipline in the Army and discretion in the postoffice are two great factors in government, but Mr. Burleson has them mixed.

Now it is certain Mackensen was a Scot some time. He doesn't know when he is "licked," but he will.

beria and the captured German islands. A broad, generous policy, such as the American delegates to the peace conference will surely advocate, will satisfy all legitimate claims and ambitions of Japan and will foil all schemes of Germany.

STEEL IN THE WAR. It was said of several things that they would win the war, but steel, as much as any other inanimate thing, did it.

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The fruit juice industry of the Pacific Coast should grow to proportions surpassing those of the defunct brewery industry. The country grows an enormous quantity of fruit, and there is no reason why it should not produce the necessary beet sugar.

It is not a good time to pull off a strike two weeks before Christmas. There never is, for that matter, a good time to strike, as any man who has been in one and was beaten will aver.

What is making Idaho a great state? Development of irrigation projects. What will make Eastern Oregon an empire? Same thing.

The Kaiser's reputation for veracity is so low that he can't get a pass book for responsibility for the war will gain no credence.

It will be observed that the President takes Mrs. Wilson on the trip. What a fine example to the run of mankind!

Japan offers a better opportunity for German intrigue to cause division than any other of the allies. She has not the close bond of racial affinity, frequent intercourse and common interests in battle which holds together the European allies and the United States.

Those Who Come and Go. A group of leading members of the Christian (Campbellite) Church are at the Multnomah preparatory to opening today a session of the pastors from Oregon churches who are to be instructed in the details of gathering a large contribution of funds to finance all operations of the Christian Churches for 1919.

Captain Tristan, who is looking after the construction of ships for the French government, is at the Hotel Oregon, in Washington, D. C., yesterday.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 9, 1893. There was another large crowd at Merrill's Crystal Palace Academies at the Exposition building last night.

Contrary to expectations, the river continued to rise last night, reaching 18 feet 1 inch, a rise of 2 feet 1 inch in 24 hours.

Mr. Klerman, the sexton of Lone Fir cemetery, says that there were but one burial in that cemetery during the month of November and so far as he knows there were but five deaths in the city.

An Olympia paper learns that there is a probability of a mail service being put on the route between the Dalles and the Yakima Valley.

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