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GERMAN POLITICAL MANEUVERS. What is the motive of the systematic propaganda against the allied peace terms which is being carried on in Germany?

The men who are fomenting what they call the furor autenticus know that Germany is powerless to resist the allies, that the terms closely agree with the conditions on which Germany accepted the armistice and are far more moderate than the terms of the former ruling party in Germany proposed to impose on the allies, and that they are barely enough to make reparation for the barbarous acts of Germany without a dollar to repay the cost of the war.

Their speeches and writings flatly contradict the many statements of observers by the thousands who have seen the German people and that they care only for peace on any terms, that they may have food and work.

The explanation of these contradictions may probably be found in the composition of the present German government and of the peace delegation.

The motive of this propaganda, which was so carefully prepared that the printing of pamphlets began before the peace terms were known, may be suggested by the allusion to the defeat of 1806 in the statement of Count Westarp, leader of the Prussian Junkers, and in his prediction that Germany will rise again.

With the junkers and the centrists stamped as the party which protested to the last against a peace of shame and slavery, and with the socialists stamped as the party which accepted that peace, the German people, who hold the latter party responsible for the hard times ahead and they may turn to the former party as the one to revive their national greatness.

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who could not define "orange," although he knew well enough what it is, was discovered to be moderately competent in the business of making a living for a good-sized family.

A danger to be guarded against is dogmatism. A good many of the shorts to sizing men up probably are based on sound principles, but it is easy to missapply the principles.

The theory of the presidential procedure which a correspondent—see letter printed elsewhere—advances is that the president is all-sufficient and not accountable to the American people for his acts as commander-in-chief of the army and navy—a doctrine of executive conduct repugnant to the elemental principles of democracy.

The great indictment in the Wood case, however, is not that he was personally humiliated but that the commander-in-chief, knowing his talent, and knowing the tremendous task before the American army, failed to give to the United States the benefit of the services of a man of so competent general. His training was for war, and only incidentally for education of others in warfare.

Undoubtedly, it would be an error to elect any man president for the reason that he had been mistreated in any capacity by another president. Yet the incident has done much to call attention to the capacity of General Wood.

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RENTS, TAXES AND REALTY. Rents are high, and realty values are low. We do not hear nowadays the tales that were common a few years ago about the great fortunes made by the advancing values of real estate.

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Yet a readjustment must come. The law of demand and supply may be slow, but it is inexorable. If higher rents are here to stay, it is quite possible that the equilibrium between values and a reasonable profit will be restored.

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Those Who Come and Go.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 20, 1894. With the filing of a flicker with the county clerk yesterday straight populism is fairly in the county political fight.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert and party arrived on the Southern Pacific yesterday, but the secretary did not leave his car, being in a hurry to reach Seattle.

No definite arrangements for the holding of an exposition here this fall have as yet been made.

Philadelphia. — Statistics just compiled show that the highest paid teacher in this city gets \$1520 a year.

New York. — Late advice from Porto Rico are that the principal street has been created by two best known politicians.

The old macadamized portion of Front street between Morrison and Madison streets is in horrible condition and driving over a frozen potato patch could not be worse.

S. G. Reed and wife, who have been spending several months in Washington, D. C., have arranged to leave for home by stage.

Gleanings From State Press. A Call From Eastern Oregon. Malheur Enterprise (Vale). The "moshacks" know little of the "frontier," and the education is gathered mostly from pioneer stories handed down to them by their grandparents.

Medford Mail Tribune. Those Jackson county twins, Miss Rosetta Medford, the public health nurse, and Miss Anna McCornick, the food demonstration agent, held a child welfare meeting at Wimer this afternoon.

Annoying. Roseburg News. What is more irritating than to see an overgrown fat woman rocking in a hotel parlor?

Home Pride. Pendleton East Oregonian. We will soon have a night train to Portland, but before going down inquire at your local stores and you may find just what you want at home.

Is There Such a Millionaire? Corvallis Gazette-Times. It was long taught saw to maintain the Oregon. If some millionaire with more money than he knows what to do with wishes to maintain it for his own use, he should know how much he would think the amount is too much to pay for a sentiment.

A Celebrity. Pendleton Tribune. Major Moorhouse: The major is son of Pendleton's celebrities. He was born at a very tender age, and when still a young child he had his picture taken.

Lesson of the War. Baker Democrat. The war has taught a nation a great deal along the line of savings through thrift stamps and the popular liberty loans.

Changing Her Color. Eugene Register. The "queen of the reds" has been attracted in Chicago, and it is just possible that after she tries a prison diet of bread and water for a while she may become the queen with the blues.

Mr. Taft's New Friends. Capital Journal (Salem). The Oregonian seems to object to William H. Taft as a republican party leader because so many democrats like him. But who could help liking Big Bill Taft, one of the plainest, cleanest and staunchest Americans that ever lived?

Why Not Better English? Pendleton Tribune. There are certain recognized abuses of English which are so common that they are not even noticed among the pupils in our schools.

James J. Montague to Write for The Oregonian. The Oregonian today begins publication of daily contributions from James J. Montague, who was at one time a Portland newspaper man, is nationally known for the literary quality of his writing, and for his verse and paragraphs, and for his remarkable capacity for covering events of large interest.

Mr. Montague will contribute not only a daily poem, but will write a story each week dealing with some timely topic close to the news. He will also report for The Oregonian news of great news out of town, and of national conventions.