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A LESSON AND A WARNING. The symposium of republican journalistic opinion in Oregon, conducted by The Oregonian, shows that the common judgment of editors and people is for the league of nations; and it shows also that there are healthy differences of opinion among them all as to the republican nominee for president in 1920.

It may be a surprise to the public to note that more Oregon editors, not all of them republican, are for Taft than for any other candidate; but it is easy to see that the popularity of Mr. Taft is genuine and the expression of interest in him as a possible president is quite honest.

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The presence in Oregon of a democratic favorite son (Chamberlain) would serve to emphasize the sectional phases of the problem. Ordinarily, we should say that the republicans of the state would look with special favor upon Mr. Borah and Mr. Poindexter.

The outstanding and most impressive feature of the editorial symposium is its reflection of the public mind. One or two, indeed, appear to be in opposition; but they are heavily outnumbered, and there is no suggestion by the minority, or by anybody, that the people are not for the league. It is obvious, too, that the almost universal approval of the plan for a league has been converted into support for THE league.

It is well understood that the proposed league is an experiment, and that it has defects, some of which are already known and others of which will develop. It is well understood that the reservations—reservations that interpret and define America's attitude, and lay the groundwork for future action, all in good faith, intended to be in harmony with the great principle that there should be no reservation to keep the world at peace.

It is strange that some politicians in congress should have assumed that the people are against ratification of the league, or will condone a deadly weapon of outright amendment. Some senators are too far away from their constituents. They should hear from home, through voices that correctly interpret the wishes of the people.

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teachers. Russia is now in the position of a republic in the Argentine republic in 1880, when it began to build an educational system from the ground up. That country began by sending abroad for teachers, and by establishing normal schools created a supply of teachers out of its own material.

As the autumn fruit harvest brings its problems of grading and packing, it also brings reminder that there is a high degree of economy in utilization of the grades below "extra fancy" and "fancy" and their equivalents. Honest grading is essential to building up a permanent market, but the purpose of this is served by the honest label. Except for fruit that which is scale infected, there is use for every pound that can be grown.

During the war we were enjoined to be wasteful of kind. Some people do not seem to understand that now that the war is over there is as much need for an anti-waste campaign as ever.

An official bulletin issued August 1 by the Portland postmaster announces the discharge of an unnamed employe for making derogatory remarks about his superiors. It is further announced that this employe was denied the right of voluntarily resigning but must stand discharged and discharged.

Political economists of high and low degree in Washington overlook the best way to reduce the high cost of living, which is to quit eating the high-priced stuff and get back to simpler ways. Some of the people getting rich these days are doing it by the bank deposits at least; but the number is small.

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colder waters of the north have furnished the navy with the seafaring men of recent years. Once it was thought that the navy would be a source of supply for the merchant marine. But the navy wants men on its own account.

The new seafaring life needs most of all a not-too-obvious press agent. The merchant service still rests under the blight of its old-time reputation. Conditions, in fact, have greatly changed. Food is better, sleeping quarters are more airy, officers are less snobbish than they used to be.

We shall hope for increased efficiency of the Siberian railway, under the management of John F. Stevens, the American in charge. The railway is now being re-established in its view of the enormous quantities of hides which the peasants will not part for money or promises, but which they are willing to exchange for agricultural implements, farm machinery and certain types of useful merchandise.

Voluntary offer of the owners of the Chicago ship which crashed into the water off the Oregon coast, and caused thirteen deaths to assume full responsibility for the accident marks a new era for which the owners in question are entitled to due credit.

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Those Who Come and Go.

"It looks as if we'll have to convert bathubs into beds" quoth a clerk in one of the hotels yesterday, as he gazed with growing uneasiness on the ever increasing number of names on the hotel register.

During the days of the late legislature George T. Baldwin, state senator from Klamath county, was looked upon as a sort of weather-vane on how the senate might go in a given year.

There is one reporter in Portland who refuses to write a personal about a man and wife arriving at a hotel. And you could hardly blame him. It was during his "bomb" days that he was in the city and he was sent to jail for a few days.

U. G. Bean, a furniture dealer of Walla Walla, Wash., is in Portland this week, accompanied by Mrs. Bean, to visit his buyers' bank.

H. W. Collins, who owns a considerable portion of Pendleton—the home of the "Horse" is registered at the Benson on a short visit to Portland.

Demand for eastern Oregon livestock is strong in the Portland market as ever and C. H. Miller, well known stockman of Redmond, is helping to supply the demand.

Sisters in a thriving little community in central Oregon and its residents there demand the same articles for living as do those in more populous communities.

The man who loaned the money unquestionably did so as an investment, and if there was no provision for payment "on or before" maturity, it cannot be paid before the date of maturity.

More Truth Than Poetry.

I haven't any secretary. All stuffed with useful information. And all the data necessary. To my exacting occupation.

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I would 'twere So. By Grace E. Hall. Sometimes a little crippled child goes to school with a scared, distorted face I see.

WAR HAS BROADENED CHARACTER. Army Discipline and Living Contrasts Seen Abroad Cause Great Change.

WAR PLACED THE MAN IN DIFFERENT circumstances—circumstances that contrasted with the American home life.

There is a picture in my treasure chest, I cannot often look upon it now. For tears start and my heart aches.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of August 4, 1894. Washington—President Cleveland had practically decided to unite with Great Britain, Germany and Italy to preserve forcibly the neutrality of the treaty ports of China during the war.

The committee on parks and public properties and the superintendent of streets have been ordered to put the blocks in order, and by way of keeping the peace the neutrality of the place of anarchists and loafers it will be cultivated and seeded.

The Mazanini Benevolent society will give its fourth annual picnic at Brussels park tomorrow.

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