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FOR A HOME-OWNED FLEET. Pacific coast ports are awake to the fact that, in order to make their commerce secure, they must own the ships...

SMALL AND PREJUDICIAL. Chairman Benson of the state highway commission held up the location of the road because the road does not lead directly to the metropolis of Eugene...

BACK TO SCHOOL. The back-to-school campaign is revived in August because this is the time preceding the one in which school terms begin in most districts...

BUYING COLOMBIA'S GOOD WILL. At last there seems to be a prospect that the long-standing controversy with Colombia will be settled by payment of \$25,000,000 to that country...

SENATOR LODGE'S ROGUES. Senator Lodge's speech on the league of nations illustrates once more how far discussion has wandered from the realities of the situation...

LYNCH AND THE "DECLARATION". Right to Sign Not Dependent on Absence of New York Man. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 11.—(To the Editor.)—In your editorial "On Collecting"...

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wanted splendor. A little later it will become the morning star, with the probabilities many to one against its being seen by more than a small fraction of those who can now see it early on any evening by simply turning toward the western sky.

A MEMORIAL TO ROOSEVELT. The American people will respond generously to the call for funds to erect a national memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. Ten million dollars is a difficult to raise, when the object is understood...

No definite plan has been announced for the memorial. It will be a memorial to the man who has done more for the world than any other man of his time in America...

FOR THE CONSUMER'S BENEFIT. City Commissioner Bigelow has a wrong impression about the public market and the criticisms directed at it. In an interview with an evening paper he said: "People should not expect to purchase vegetables and other foodstuffs at wholesale prices..."

Why is it made? The reason of course is that Chairman Benson has not favored immediate appropriations of state funds to build a lateral road in mid-valley country. It is not the purpose of the Oregonian to say that he was right or wrong...

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than that it would ask Serbia to send an army to Mexico. Senator McNary has already shown how little substance there is in the theory that the United States might be compelled to arbitrate or mediate questions of immigration...

It is an accepted maxim of international law that every sovereign nation has the right to self-preservation to forbid the entry of aliens within its dominions. A later decision upheld the same principle, and it was maintained by several successive secretaries of state...

There is as little cause for Mr. Lodge's fears for the Monroe doctrine. The covenant says that it shall not be used as a basis for any action which is not in the interest of the United States...

It was pointed out by the president of an Ohio college the other day that there are a tragically large number of cases in which aspirants for education are diverted from their main purpose because they have not used foresight in preparing their credentials...

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Stars and Starmakers.

RUTH GATES EVERETT is a guest at the Benson hotel, having arrived Tuesday from New York, accompanied by Miss Grace Brown, also of New York and its theatrical world...

Answer to T. J. Eva Olivetti is of Italian ancestry, and went to school to the sisters at Mount Angel convent, near Portland. Her people live in San Francisco. By a coincidence she made her debut eight years ago as "Patsy" with the Ferris Hartman musical stock in "The Tenderfoot"...

Maude Fulton and Myron Gay have collaborated on a musical comedy called "The Humming Bird." Miss Fulton has written the libretto and lyric and Gay the music. Miss Fulton will go east next month and, according to report, "The Humming Bird" may be produced on Broadway.

Joseph Weber's "The Little Blue Devil," a musical version of "The Blue Mouse," with a book by Harold A. Terledge and music by Harry Carroll, will open in Detroit September 7. The cast are: Bernard Granville, Lillian Lorraine (who will play the role originated by Mabel Barrison), Jack McGowan and Ed Martindale. There are but four principal parts. The others are bits.

Helin Collier Vallent, who was a member of the "Turn to the Right" company at the Heilig here last season, arrived from the east last week in San Francisco to prepare for an announcement of marriage to Frank L. L. formerly a lieutenant in the aviation corps.

But one company, the original with the Sacramento, will play "The Jew" next season. There may be but one company of the piece for many seasons. Arthur Hopkins, its producer, at present has no plans on that point.

Pat Riley, an old-timer from Antelope, headed into the Imperial yesterday. He is a manufacturer in the turpentine belt, has no complaint to make of the roads, for he says he has made a fortune in the industry. He is a man of good, some bad and some indifferent, but he is a man of all-around ability.

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Those Who Come and Go.

From Eagle creek almost to Cascade locks there is a slitting mountain which has caused long annoyance to the railroad. The mountain sits on a layer of water about an inch deep over the bedrock. The water causes the mountain to slip and each time it moves it carries the earth and trees away...

There are some people in western Oregon who are interested in the valley located, though it is the center of a district bearing the same name in Malheur county, with several thousands of acres in it. A project under construction that will ultimately have 40,000 acres in production of alfalfa for stock raising...

Frank Conroy, formerly of the clever team of Conroy and Lemstra, and later of Conroy and Murphy, is now doing a single in a comedy turn. A photograph of a large harp almost as tall as an Indian girl in an ultra modern buckskin Lucile model in this week's Variety, flanked by the following: "Kathleen Kia-Wah-Na—The first eight years of Miss Kia-wah-na's life were spent with the Chinook Indians along the Oregon banks of the Columbia river."

"So far as is known, she is the first American of such lineage and early environment to attain proficiency upon so complex a musical instrument as the harp." Maude Fulton and Myron Gay have collaborated on a musical comedy called "The Humming Bird." Miss Fulton has written the libretto and lyric and Gay the music...

"Steel for the Deschutes bridge on the Columbia highway has been fabricated and is ready for shipment from the eastern plants," says C. B. West, bridge engineer for the highway commission. "We hope to see the bridge completed this fall. Good progress is being made on the bridge over the Gold Hill, where a bridge for the Pacific highway will span the Rogue river. The highway project will be the structure across Youngs bay, near Astoria, on the Columbia highway. This job will be ready to let during the autumn."

There is quite a bit of history connected with the town from which Mrs. H. McLaughlin is interested when she arrived at the Imperial yesterday. Dreyway was settled in 1852 by George Perry, George Perry, a pioneer settler, and Mrs. Marden was the first physician; Thomas Howard had the first livery stable and Mrs. Howard had the first hotel. Mrs. Howard now lives on Main street, on the site of an old Indian camp where the aborigines lived, until a few years ago, in primitive manner.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From the Oregonian of August 14, 1894. From the treasury department and convicted last December of conspiracy has applied to the president for a pardon.

Officers and delegates of the sovereign camp of the Woodmen of the World are expected to open their third biennial session. The work of putting the interior finish on the new city hall is progressing rapidly and the building will soon be thrown open for inspection.

Fifty Years Ago. From the Oregonian of August 14, 1869. London—Queen Victoria keeps her eyes on their travels. The Prince of Wales, who has been waiting for the past dozen years, has just returned from a visit to Egypt.

New York.—The Universal Peace society will meet at Mystic, Conn., on August 18. Owing to the illness of the leader of the circus band the performance was given last night but there will be a grand matinee today.

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. I am who I am today because I was born to—W. Hohenzollern. When Second-Story Joe made bold to burglarize a grocery store, and Bill the porter caught him cold and I knocked him senseless to the floor, he rose in court next day and wept: "I never would be here," said he. "On such an awful charge, except a certain party lied to me. A pal of mine, Judge, on the dead end of the street, created for me. This crime they lay to me, he said. There wasn't no one in that store!"

When Sure-Thing Harry gold a lot of bogus stock in the mines, he was astonished when he got Assorted prison terms and fines. "The thing been done," he exclaimed. "I made a slip, you won't deny. But really, I should not be blamed. I was the victim of a lie. A shady broker, he deceived me. Said: 'Do not mind the law one bit. Just bunk 'em, and if you're discreet, you're sure to get away with it.'"

When Dog-Faced Donovan came to the town on the street, with both his eyes a rich dark blue. He said: "Cheer up, that was some fix. It ain't no worse than Willard, see? But I'd not be in his shoes. I'd expect a feller led to me. That I would fall in last night. That I'd insulted wouldn't fight!"

The Height of Loyalty. Mr. Burleson will not resign while Wilson is president. He wants to spare his benefactor the trouble and worry of firing a successor for the head of the E. O. department.

He'll Remember What Happened. The new Austrian minister will not like the Pacific country on the say-so of W. J. Bryan.

To the Song Birds.

Sing in sheer joy of the rapture that's welling in your hearts as you unfurl the wing. In wild exultation voice blurs that is welling in your throats. In gay, shrilling notes let it passionately ring.

Perch by the nest where your babies may be hatched, Fill their young minds with the tales you can tell. Shriek of mad flight when the storm clouds shall darken, Lift of your dips in the blue ocean's swell.

Warble of bliss you have made o'er the bird's nest, Visioning the corn waving green plumes to you, Joy of life and love, the measure year life yields. Give of your music and stories so true.

At twilight sail down, fold your wings in the gloaming, Come rest from your travels, the day is over. Alight on the bough that fore'er waits for your coming. And for the cool shadows trill lullaby song.

Landlords Within Their Legal Rights. PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Notice has been served on the majority of the renters of houses in this city. Their rents will be raised September 1. This will be profiteering in an aggravated form. There is nothing to warrant an advance in rents. Fuel costs but little more than it did last year and the managers of the apartments who are raising rents from 20 to 50 per cent are at the prices now being paid making a profit of from 100 to 500 per cent on their investments. The price of food is to be investigated and profiteers are to be forced to accept a fair margin of profit. Has the renter no recourse? Please advise your many readers as to how they may proceed in order to avoid being held up by the landlords. RENTER.

We know of no way to prevent a landlord, lawfully in possession of property, from charging as much as he can find people willing to pay for it. Who can acquire homes of their own, by thrift and sacrifice, will find the present a peculiarly appropriate time to plan doing so. Becoming landlords early in life here is worth many dead years. It may be true as far as the dead here, but how do you think the living feel about it? It is that we think "let rot and rot" view is right. Let us do it all we can for the boys, but do not let us forget that those who made the supreme sacrifice are entitled to some consideration. A FATHER.

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