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urges go by the board if need be, and to conserve on every hand. The public mind following the war was not an exceptional manifestation of mass psychology.

A GRAND SOLUTION. Governor Olcott has repented of his action in approving dismissal of State Biologist Finley from the public service, and wants him reinstated.

ZENITH OF THE H. C. OF L. It will be observed that Attorney-General Palmer, in making his prophecy that there will be a decline in retail food prices, beginning between January and March 1, makes it plain that the consumer has a duty to perform if the forecast is to be realized.

THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO BE SELFISH. The name of John Drew in the list of organizers of the Vigilance League, which seeks to have declared unconstitutional an article of the United States constitution—that a fundamental law is not fundamental—is not so significant as it may seem.

A PROBLEM IN COAL. If the commission appointed by President Wilson to adjust the coal miners' dispute should succeed in restoring the status quo without at the same time raising the price of coal, it will accomplish a feat sure to stagger the ablest economists in the country.

Let us be fair and give the drivers much credit for the few accidents which city streets have been thronged. Why not clean up all kinds of gambling affairs for at least one full week this holiday season? Admiral Sims is a big enough man to let us know that it is impracticable to legislate for the few.

Princess Pat always was all right and now she's more so. Last day for doing it and 'most a year for regretting not. Portland never worries over a green Christmas.

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE TIMES. Those Who Come and Go. Wheat five feet high, with heads so heavy that they lean over; oats so high that tall men have to duck their heads to pass under the tops.

WHERE THE AUTOMOBILE IS NOT. The narrow margin—seventeen to fifteen—by which the assembly of Bermuda voted to exclude automobiles from the islands suggests that this Eden of motorists is not likely much longer to preserve its exclusive character as a place where roads are said to be excellent, climate ideal.

WHAT THE NON-SERVICE MAN. Case of Middle-Aged Head of Family Presented for Attention. PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I beg for a hearing through the columns of The Oregonian on the case of a middle-aged man who has been ex-serviceman, all of which is highly commendable.

DEMOCRAT TWIST TO ARTICLE. Unpleasant Surprise Found at End of Government Arrangement. PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—There is a splendid editorial in Saturday Post of date December 20—that is, it is splendid down to the last two sentences, which say: "The party is apparently spending a little time searching their souls. If they do not, they will wake up some fine morning and find a new party, armed with a search warrant, at the front door of the capitol."

DOWN TO THE SEA. (Lines on the loss of the J. P. Chandler). O, the land may lure and city call, But still the charms of the mariners call. When the anchor's up and the hawsers are cast, and the ship slips out from her comrades' tail.

INTEREST IN STILL IS DENIED. O, a quiet sea, 'neath a starry sky, Is a sea for lovers, who wish to fly. To slipper and gown, and gazing, sigh.

LAND NOT YET AVAILABLE. GASTON, Ore., Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I see where uncle Sam is going to give me 500 acres of land and ex-servicemen. 'Most a man should write to get information and where he should file application; but I must file it in the office of the land three years like any other homestead to obtain deed.

THE UNLIVING TEST. NEWBURY, Ore., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor.)—It is sometimes said of an irritable man: "He could not get along with his own dog." Did our own Mr. Wilson ever... J. L. SMITH.

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