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TARIFFS, URGENT AND PERMANENT

The difference between The Oregonian and Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee, whose letter to Daniel W. Briggs is published in another column, is that he lays stress on one end to be sought—a protection of home industry in order that the home market may be preserved—while The Oregonian urges the necessity of reconciling this object with the several others which have gained added importance in the last few years.

This involves neither surrender of the American market to other nations nor surrender of any particular foreign market. It involves, so far as possible, a corresponding reduction of the difference in cost of production between this and other countries to the point where foreign products will compete on equal terms in the American market, but will not be excluded.

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What Should He Do?

Three Americans have been murdered in Mexico. Will the Oregonian, Corvallis Gazette-Times and other papers of their particular partisan brand proceed to howl now that the old rules Wilson was great?

Quite likely The Oregonian will criticize President Harding as it criticized President Wilson, if the present administration pursues the same policy of ineffective and disastrous meddling as resulted from "watchful waiting."

The republican platform of 1920 pledges President Harding to a "firm, consistent and effective policy toward Mexico" and demands "respect for the American flag" and stands for "the protection of the rights of American citizens lawfully in Mexico."

The Oregonian expects President Harding to insist that Mexico respect our treaty rights and observe the principles of international law.

NOT SOLVED, BUT SOLVABLE

The growing problems of street traffic are not easy to solve; but that is no reason why no attempt to solve them should be made.

Some months ago a one-way traffic project was proposed for certain streets in Portland. It was defeated mainly because of the objections of several merchants.

CAUSE OF RAILROADS TROUBLES

Senator Cummins proposes that congress inquire why the transportation act has so far failed to put the railroads on a profitable basis.

The figures by which Mr. Fordney shows the steady decrease in imports since June, 1920, are enlightening. Read in conjunction with the facts as to decreased production and increased unemployment in this country, they show that we buy less because we produce less.

When the owners got their property back they did so under that condition that for a long deferred increase of wages, but President Wilson delayed appointment of the railroad labor board for six more weeks.

The federal railroad administration had dodged the duty of raising rates in proportion to higher cost of operation. It had made more than a billion dollars in profit.

There was a deliberate purpose to all this. It was to make the period of federal operation a mere transition period to government ownership.

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The result of this referendum, following upon others taken under the treaty, is a bold application of the principle of self-determination.

THE VOTE IN SILESIA

Upper Silesia's vote to remain in Germany completes a process of Germanization which began in the twelfth century and has continued to this day.

A critic of the reparations terms who describes them as the "intermittent application of force to the extortion of money" has fallen into the common practice of sacrificing everything to an epigram.

There's Always a New One

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WOMEN WOULD HAVE CONVICTED

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The Listening Post

The Scout Tells Enviously of the Proper Spring Garb for Men. Judging from the spring style displays there will be some casting away in the wardrobes of many men who wish to make the correct appearance in 1921.

The slump in the cotton market hit Atlanta, Ga., hard, for that city is either prosperous or depressed according to the movement of cotton. However, southern buyers are looking for the market to assume a brighter aspect within the next 60 or 90 days.

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Those Who Come and Go

Times have certainly changed in the Willamette valley. Dave Edgar of Hillsboro, where he is interested in timber, is at the Perkins, and he came to Portland in a jiffy and can go home when he wants.

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PREJUDICE TRACED TO SCHOOLS

Contempt for England Given Youth by Textbooks and Teachers. PORTLAND, March 22.—(To the Editor.)—"Why do Americans 'hate' the English?"

With all due respect to American historians of the past, it is to be hoped that the textbooks of the future, as well as the teachers of the future, will take a somewhat more liberal view of the American revolution.

Ask anyone, child or adult, what seems in American history stand out most vividly in his mind. Nine times out of ten you will hear "the Boston tea party," "Paul Revere's Ride," "the battle of Lexington," etc.

I was educated here in Portland, and I know whereof I speak. I do not know of any other school where the language of English blood for I haven't a drop.

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Kindergarten if Part of School System. WEDNESDAY'S DIMITH COURT WORK. PORTLAND, March 22.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in The Oregonian March 19 that our state superintendent of schools has returned from the west.

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More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague. I seldom commit any overt act. My temper is well controlled. But with inward fury my soul is racked.

They're "sold" on the author they like to read. They're "sold" on their favorite soap. They're "sold" on the Athanasian creed.

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John Burroughs' Nature Notes. Can You Answer These Questions? 1. How do wingless seeds that are heavy, like nuts spread?

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Do birds mate for life? It is hard to say yes or no positively to this. The popular belief—that most birds do not mate for life—lacks evidence to prove it.

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of March 23, 1894, Madrid—Leading Spanish newspapers claim that the United States has begun the Cuban acquisition with the idea of some time acquiring the island by force.

State Superintendent Bean advocated yesterday in a lecture the granting of free text books to children.

Royal Shriners are excited over the probable visit to Portland of the imperial potentate, Charles L. Field.

Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian of March 23, 1871, The county tax records will be closed March 27 in order to make out the delinquent list.

Notice to Vacate. PORTLAND, March 22.—(To the Editor.)—I. How many days' notice must a landlord give a tenant to vacate a house?