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HARDING'S FIRST YEAR

After one year as president, how does Warren G. Harding stand in the eyes of the American people? That is the question which the first anniversary of his inauguration brings to many minds.

In his first year Mr. Harding has done great things and has displayed many qualities of statesmanship.

Mr. Harding established himself firmly in public confidence by choosing men of the highest character, ability and experience for his cabinet, and by giving them wide discretion in handling the many knotty questions which confronted them.

President Harding found the country still nominally at war with Germany and the remnants of the Hapsburg monarchy, solidly firm in the alliance of the Versailles treaty, and with sharp controversies with Japan drawing to a head.

By the way in which Mr. Harding began he showed a clear conception of the course to be taken in foreign affairs. After snuffing out German hopes of mediation in regard to reparation, he approved a resolution of peace and followed that with treaties of peace and friendship with the relations.

Thanks to this achievement, Mr. Harding had attained a position of moral power far transcending that of any party when the dramatic opening of the conference assured its success. He showed wisdom in picking a strong man to conduct the campaign for economy, in giving him a free hand and in backing him without stint.

On two notable occasions he rose to the occasion. So acute was agricultural depression that men of both parties combined to pass measures of relief, threatening neglect of that which he deemed essential.

The Oregonian frankly finds difficulty in saying where to begin to state the record of the president alone could fill the gap.

fit them to better citizens, it will support. It has never opposed a tax measure for their betterment.

In regard to the soldiers' bonus, Mr. Harding again showed of what he was capable when he exerted his latent power. Committed though he was to support that measure, the president came forward with a warning to defers action on the funds in the existing disordered state of the national finances and while depressed industry was already over-

Since that episode and on other matters the president has not had the same success. His hold on congress has been slipping, not that he has hesitated to express his opinion, but that he has not backed it with the power conferred by the instruments of his office.

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But there are particular explanations for the popularity of Princess Mary's marriage. She has endeared herself to the people by her work in war hospitals and by being a natural, lovable, clever woman.

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MENTAL SUICIDE

The term "mental suicide" is suitable enough as a description of the man who was hanged in Chicago for murder of a particularly atrocious and premeditated type. It is not what the professors of psychology would call technical, but it serves.

Church began by attempting to starve himself in an effort to cheat the gallows, but it is agreed that his unconsolidated condition of mind was not the result of physical weakness. His plight so worked on his mind that the center of consciousness succumbed, just as men in moments of great fear have stood dumbly and unable to act.

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BOARD'S PURPOSE MISCONSTRUED

Public Service Commission Not to Uphold Public Right or Wrong. BOARDMAN, Or., March 3.—(To the Editor.)—I am a stockholder in a public service corporation. Great and small have their thumbs down for this errand child of the people.

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Those Who Come and Go

Tales of Folks at the Hotels. "Panama and Colombia, Central America, are all right for anyone who likes a hot climate." Says E. E. Kennedy, who is in Portland on his way to eastern Oregon after three years in the canal zone and Colombia.

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More Truth Than Poetry

THE FAINT HEART. Half a dozen blackbuds in the open air, just about enough to make a pile of 'em. Go an' git de musket Off de pawny hook. Fix de fat an' fliuh. Ready 'oo to cook.

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Can You Answer These Questions? 1. What is meant by "eclipse plumage" in description of birds?

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Does the wild turkey ever drum like a grouse?

In Other Days. Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of March 4, 1897.

Eligibility to Soldier's Loan. PORTLAND, March 3.—(To the Editor.)—I have been a citizen of Oregon for 14 years and own city property, but am unable to get the state of Washington served over seas and drew bonus from Washington.

Indian Lands in California. ASHLAND, Or., March 3.—(To the Editor.)—I have been a citizen of Oregon for 14 years and own city property, but am unable to get the state of Washington served over seas and drew bonus from Washington.

Mining Assessment Extension. PORTLAND, March 3.—(To the Editor.)—Was the time limit for assessment work on the state of Washington extended until July of succeeding year instead of January 1 as formerly?

Type of Hawthorne Bridge. BEND, Or., March 3.—(To the Editor.)—How does the Hawthorne-street bridge open? Is the draw elevated or is it a swing? This is to be a bet.

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