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EVADING THE VITAL ISSUE

In all the articles which members of the shipping board write in commendation of the ship subsidy bill they confine themselves to the need of an American merchant marine and of government financial aid to establish and maintain it.

VERY MUCH ALIKE

The returned heralds of the exposition, having toured Oregon with their message, bring word that the state at large is very receptive to one of the most intelligent and able men in the state.

TOWARD A SCIENTIFIC TARIFF

The vote by which the senate ended the tariff debate was of the kind that ends all tariff debates. The makers of the bill were of several minds as to its merits, but they agreed that it was the best that they could do and that, being the work of the republican party, it had a claim to their votes for the good of the party.

When that was attained, the need of opiates would have passed. Hope of selling the emergency fleet or such part of it as is fit to be incorporated in the American merchant marine and of establishing a well-balanced merchant fleet rests on enlistment in the shipping business of a large mass of new capital drawn from ports which have hitherto had a minor part in that business, also from their tributaries on other coasts.

NEWBERRY'S OFFENSE

Mr. Hughes gives the weight of his political judgment and great moral authority to the support of Senator Newberry. He says that Mr. Newberry was convicted under a statute which has since been held by the supreme court of the United States to be unconstitutional.

FOR A SECOND TERM?

Mr. Harding is finding out that the presidency is no easy job. But he knew that before. He went into it with his eyes open, for as a senator he had exceptional opportunities to see and weigh the vast responsibilities placed upon the executive.

OUR FEATHERED ALLIES

But for his feathered allies, the birds, man might soon be driven to the wall by innumerable hordes of his grotesque enemies, the insects. Indeed, save for the same aid, he might never have attained civilization and would today have been what he was a million years ago—a savage hunter in skins.

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such numbers, rendered equally valuable service, while quail and prairie chickens proved their proverbial fondness for a fat hopper. Field observers noted among the birds which repelled the attack various species of blackbirds, many plovers, quail, curlew, prairie chicken, occasionally larks (the horned lark), orioles, sparrows, bobolinks and robins.

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