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Portland, Sunday, May 18, 1913. MR. ALBEE FOR MAYOR. The Oregonian will support Mr. H. R. Albee for Mayor of Portland.

The need of Portland now, more than at any previous time, is for men of character, stamina and experience in public office.

We confess that we are unable to accept the reasoning of our progressive friend in the state of Washington, the Yakima Republic.

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The meaning of this section ought to be clear to the person who reads it carefully. It contains no mistake and no more so than that later. Here is how an alarmed correspondent interprets it:

Take 1000 first-choice votes, divide by four and you have a quotient of 250. Divide this quotient by the number of offices to be elected and you have 125, and this 125 constitutes what the new charter has pleased to call the majority.

Those who are in a glow of enthusiasm over the 100 years of peace between the United States and Great Britain, marked by the coming century of the treaty of Ghent, and who regard this celebration as the harbinger of a new era of peace and good will, should take sober second thought.

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of a hysterical woman. That her reason was not for lack of cause. At this time, half a century after, her words should be forgotten.

Not a soldier must be moved, not a watchman be placed, not a single word preparation made. The State Department doesn't wish it done, and since the State Department is playing the leading role in the present controversy with Japan, necessary orders have been issued by the War and Navy departments.

Obviously the presiding genius of the State Department wishes to maintain Democratic precedent and not to gratify Italy to the very end. Unpreparedness seems to be a sort of hobby with the Democrats, and especially with the small-navy-dove-of-peace variety, such as Mr. Bryan.

There seems little probability of a war with Japan. Still why should the duty of preparing for it be re-announced? Do the Democrats wish to remain consistent to the end, and in event we are ever attacked leave us hopelessly unfitted to meet the emergency? Why should we renounce the right to maneuver or mobilize our scattered fleet as a purely precautionary measure?

Even though we do not anticipate trouble with Japan, it is foolish to announce to the world that we will do nothing to improve our pitifully unprepared state. The subject need not have been referred to at all. The fact that it was probably same as a subconscious expression of the Democratic policy of unpreparedness.

ALL HOLIDAYS ON MONDAY. A novel proposition has found favor in New York—to celebrate all holidays on the Monday nearest the date set by law.

Some day the change that this idea will compel its general adoption. Nine-tenths people in a hundred would prefer to have their extra day of rest and recreation combined with Sunday's rest, and, in case of Saturday noon closing, with the Saturday afternoon rest.

As the custom of taking a Saturday half-holiday is becoming general, this proposed change would give two and a half days' clear rest, similar to that which the English take at the week-ends.

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Italy would like to seize Italia Irredenta from Austria, nor has she forgiven France for taking the Riviera. The first who then have the highest number of combined votes over 25,001 will be elected. If still there are none, the four candidates having the highest number of votes will be elected.

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patience he enlisted in the campaign for civil service reform and fought for it devotedly until the victory was won. When there were comparatively few men in public life who held the welfare of the country above the success of their party Carl Schurz forsook his party and staked his career upon the right of political revolt.

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Topical Verse

The Loafer. You kin always tell a loafer, if there's loafin' in the crowd; You kin always tell a loafer 'cause he has so much to do;

Simplified Simplicity. My wife and me ain't never even tasted champagne; I never has no forty-dollar hat on Saury Jane;

The Little Sod Shanty. The little sod shanty that stood on the plain; Has gone with the prairie dogs vanished domain;

Carl Schurz Monument. The monument to Carl Schurz, which has just been dedicated in New York, stands on Morningside Drive, not far from the buildings of Columbia University and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

On Early Marriage. Pursuing the same trend of thought as in some of his former speeches President Lowell, of Harvard, told the Chicago Harvard Club not long ago that it was best for men to marry young.

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They are going to hear and to see, But they're city signs and city sounds, And right they've no charms for me— Just.

Wind of the South. Wind of the South, come now and call The vines upon the crumbling wall; Until the sun with spring's own hue, And fill each gray and dusky space, And fill each gray and dusky space, And fill each gray and dusky space.

London's Ineligibles to Suffrage are causing far more trouble than our ineligibles to citizenship.

Cincinnati escaped from the tornadoes only to fall into the maws of the strike.

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