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OUR BASIC TROUBLE.

The Oregonian discovers that the Salem Capital Journal has at last undertaken to discuss the several questions recently directed by this paper to its Salem Democratic neighbor.

Our ingenious contemporary replies by saying that its editor had "supported Mr. Fulton for practically the same reasons that he thinks Senator Chamberlain should be re-elected now, viz., experience in the National Legislature and faithful service to his constituents."

MODERN DESTRUCTIVENESS.

Reports of artillery fire directed by aeroplanes bring to attention one of the most effective wiles of modern ingenuity. Man, as a fighting animal in 1914, is here seen in an entirely new light.

RUM OLD TIME.

"What a rum thing time is!" remarks one of Charles Dickens' characters. This humble philosopher, a turnkey in a debtors' prison, was contemplating the downfall of one of his prisoners.

THE REHABILITATION OF ADAM.

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OUR CALL TO COLORS.

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HOPE NOT YET LOST.

Senator Chamberlain and Senator Lane are reported in a current news dispatch from Washington as "believing that the river and harbor bill will pass the Senate after the lopping off of some of the items, but that the retention of the Oregon projects is probable."

The New York Sun, one of the important Eastern newspapers that vigorously opposed the bill in its present form, issues an appeal to the President to sign the bill.

WORLD MAKING.

Speculations about the origin of the universe are harmless and sometimes diverting. They offer an inviting field for the activities of restless intellects, and since they affect no great financial interest, they are not likely to lead to war and bloodshed.

THE DRY SPELL.

Oregonians now know by experience what a "dry spell" really means. They have had such a dry spell, or at any rate hardly ever. The oldest inhabitant racks his memory in vain to find the like.

THE GREATER DICKENS.

It is wonderful how Dickens' fame is growing. Not many years ago we were told by extremely wise people that he would soon be forgotten.

THE JAPANESE CRUISER.

The Japanese cruiser is unable to get any view of the whereabouts of the Leipzig. Perhaps the Leipzig saw her first.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

The British army is sending no news to London. And this is one case where no news is not good news.

THE COST OF WAR.

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THE FASHION FASCINE.

A deplorable effect of the war which has not received the attention it deserves is the famine in fashions that is likely to fall upon us with its terrible blight.

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