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ALBEE'S MAIN PERIL WHY does the Oregonian say The Journal has made an attack on Mr. Albee? Does the Oregonian think it is helping the candidacy of Mr. Albee by attempting to convince the public that The Journal is attacking Mr. Albee?

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He is a director of the Associated Charities. He is a member of the text book commission. He is a member of the library board. To his unremitting and aggressive efforts is due the fact that the Portland library is a free public library.

He is not The Journal but the Oregonian that is harming Mr. Albee. The fearful strategy of the Oregonian's campaign for Mr. Albee is almost enough to bring an Albee Waterloo.

What is contempt? THE Illinois house of representatives construes as contempt of that august body published statements to the effect it is capable of "the most brazen, shameless and anarchistic proceeding that ever disgraced even the Illinois legislature."

While the general public may have little interest in officers of the Chicago Federation of Labor, it has some interest in contempt proceedings instituted by Illinois legislators.

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without such inspection is a sure way to be gouged. The fact that the owner wants to sell it without such inspection is a sure sign that a swindle is on.

One present trouble in Oregon is that there has been too much land inflation and too many sales on inflated values. We have been traveling too fast. We have been discounting the future. We have juggled with time.

Two fits VIRTUE of the new charter is that it has brought some splendid men into the field for commissioner. One of these is C. A. Bigelow.

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Home credit schools WASHINGTON county educators should investigate Polk county methods. The Hillsboro Independent says "Washington county cannot point with pride to the result of the recent eighth grade examination."

Jails for lawmakers BRIBERY of legislatures may become an unpopular pastime if a few more juries like the New York jury that convicted State Senator Stilwell can be impaneled.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF WHAT TWENTY YEARS OF PEACE WOULD DO

Small change One cannot judge accurately of a candidate's fitness by his picture. Memorial day always discloses a large number of new graves to decorate. It's been grand rose weather lately, but fine also for more useful if less beautiful things.

Oregon sidelights After occupying the pulpit of the Second Baptist church at Baker for the past five years, Rev. C. H. Eymann has resigned and will take up a theological course in an eastern seminary. The Burns Commercial club has been reorganized for active work in connection with prospective railroads and other development agencies.

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JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

By Herbert Corey. United States Japan Dreadnaughts 24 13 Battleships 11 13 Armored Cruisers 11 13 Destroyers 44 64 Torpedo Boats 23 18 Submarines 23 18 Coast Defense and Other 19 18

This is frankly a statistical story. But it ought to do its part toward cheering up those unfortunate who suffer a vibratile chill every time they read an editorial from Tokio. It is just a comparison—a common, vulgar, boastful comparison—of the wealth of the United States with that of Japan. And it is worth remembering that many bookmakers have become very rich through consistently being that the fastest horse will win the race.

Japan is hard up nationally. The individual, home-keeping, brown Japanese, taken in mass, is kept pretty busy trying to pay his share of the national debt. The Japanese government has a national debt of \$1,000,000,000. The old fact is that emigration is recognized as a national necessity. If the young man does not emigrate, the old man is apt to go hungry. Some of the recently compiled figures are positively startling.

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Pointed Paragraphs

Even a girl who isn't a flirt may not want some man to think she isn't. The dollar that does a man the most good represents several drops of perspiration. Sentiment is all right, but it is less desirable than a steady job if a man wants to eat regularly.

The girl who has two or three brothers at home finds no chance to develop conceit. Alas for the young man whose only claim to distinction is a little straw lid with a multi-colored band. A "high browed" female may possess the same brand of fascination as the bearded lady in a dime museum.

Answer to "The Fig Leaf Age." Little boy, you're very small. To talk about my clothes is all right. I don't wear a flannel shirt. As big as grandpa's "petty skirt". And those scratchy underclothes. I wear enough to keep me warm. I'm not "crasy" to show my form; and I'll live as long as you. For I neither smoke nor chew.

Never mind my underclothes. You don't have to pay for those; he saved my daddy many pennies—Little boy, do have some sense. Do you know, my last new dress? You never can, in all your life. Earn even that to dress a wife.

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