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hood. The darkest page of modern history deals with China's attempt to free her people from opium.

UNANSWERABLE PROOF. ONE unanswerable argument that alone should be enough to induce congress to make the \$150,000 appropriation for the Columbia dredge is the Dock Engineer's Report on the General State and Progress of the Dock Works at Liverpool.

It is for the year ending July 1, 1913. It discusses the Mersey bar over which originally the depth of water was only 11 feet.

HOUDING PUBLIC MEN. COMPLAINT is often made that it is difficult to get good men to run for office.

No wonder. A man is hardly in office until somebody wants to recall him. No matter how faithful his service, no matter how painstaking and loyal his endeavors, the recall is flourished in his face.

It has seemingly become a popular fad to hound public officials. The near mob that clubbed and strong armed the board of directors at the recent school meeting is an example.

Naturally, there are officials who sometimes deserve criticism. The press owes to the public the duty of exposing abuses and evils in public places.

When men are called by the people from private into public walks, they are entitled to respect. They are the people's representatives.

AN OPIUM MONOPOLY. THE British government has decided to monopolize and to control absolutely the raising, marketing and sale of opium in the crown colony of Hongkong.

The new plan becomes effective March 1, 1914. It has been ordered in an attempt to counteract a deficit in the 1914 budget.

A GASOLINE FAMINE. KEROSENE may come back into general use, though not as an illuminant.

Outlook calling attention to the fact that awards of \$110,000 await the man who discovers a substitute for gasoline.

It is stated that the world faces a gasoline famine at a time when this fuel has become one of the necessities of life.

A PLURAL MARRIAGE QUESTION. Portland, Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have had this question.

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the farm and a builder of profits in the city. It is probable that there will be no actual gasoline famine in the near future, but constantly increasing prices give warning that some other source of power may be an economic necessity.

THE MENACE. It is becoming manifest that a desire to handicap commission government figured more or less conspicuously in the heavy vote against the measures in the special municipal election.

It has developed that many who fought commission government last spring voted against all the measures. It is learned also that sundry persons who opposed the adoption of commission government advised others to vote against all the measures.

Many persons voted against all the amendments without taking the trouble to study them. A number in one family voted against all the amendments because they thought it was the city commissioners that fixed the school levy at 7.5 mills.

While the friends of commission government remained at home, there was a well defined movement by its enemies to deliver a blow at commission government.

While the friends of good government slept at the switch, those who love the old managerial system with its stealth, and cunning and masked government were at the polls and on a gumshoe hunt for the scalp of the commission system.

The wreck in the election should be a warning. Efforts will be made to depopularize commission government. Wanton endeavors will be made to belittle their achievements.

AMERICA AND WAR. WHETHER or not there will be a world's naval holiday in the near future, the United States house of representatives has declared unmistakably for the plan.

The resolution calling upon President Wilson to promote Winston Churchill's suggestion in every possible way was passed by a vote of 317 to 111.

The wonder is that there were 111 negative votes. They are evidence that even America, a peace loving nation, needs to be educated not only on the cost of war itself, but also on the tremendous burdens imposed by preparations for possible wars.

It may take a long time to bring about international agreement limiting expenditures on armaments, but there is no nation so favorably located for promoting the idea as the United States.

Our detached relation to other nations makes the United States the logical champion of such a cause. There is every reason, domestic and foreign, why America should favor an international conference.

Why should a nation be proud of a great fleet of destroyers of life and property? Why should the United States spend more on its army and navy than it spends for civil purposes? We need and the world needs sweeping social reforms rather than fighting ships.

THE AGE LIMIT. Fishers, Wash., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—Much has been said about Russell Chamberlain of Portland, city hall janitor.

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the federal court. Juries are weary of trying cases in which unscrupulous people are fooled by glittering literature and smooth-tongued agents into purchase of worthless lands on fraudulent representations.

SMALL CHANGE. Don't usually far outnumber Do's. Swell the Christmas fund for the poor.

A recall of the recall may be started next. It comes next week; getting late already.

Imported butter "as good" as Oregon butter "don't go". Nearly everybody can be a Santa Claus to some little extent.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. If a proposed amendment of the by-laws is adopted, ladies will be eligible to membership in the Commercial club.

Brownsville's council has levied a 1-cent public-house tax which, incidentally, brings the total levy for municipal purposes to nine mills.

The Salem Stamen hops the proposed Coffee club has not got lost in the shuffle, and says the club should be running right now.

Weston, also, needs a dentist. The Leader says he "must be a man of skill and experience, however, and able to earn the confidence of the Weston people."

Professor J. F. Gubbs, of the North Bend high school, has organized an employment agency for the benefit of the boys and girls who desire to work, and for the accommodation of the people.

Burns' Times Head: This is the time to get the interior newspapers to build railroads and some of them are doing pretty well at it.

Newberg Graphic: A "Thirty Years in Oregon" club was formed at Amity recently, when a big feast was spread and an interesting program was given.

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Chief among the unpatriotic Americans is Major Cassius E. Gillette, a former army officer, whose antagonism to President Wilson is so well known that he is almost a byword to the service.

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