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LAUGHING AT OREGON.

The laugh went around in the United States supreme court at Washington yesterday, when Oregon's position as reflected by the late legislature's notorious land grant resolution was presented.

Oregon has been called the "fool of the family." The state was never placed in so foolish a light before the country as in yesterday's proceeding.

Senator Languth says that he did not know of it, would have opposed it had he been aware that such action was contemplated, and that he thinks the grant lands ought to be forfeited.

Finally, the measure was purposely withheld until the closing hours of the session, when everything was tense, when members were deeply concerned with bills for which they had been struggling for weeks.

The one vote against the measure was by Representative Wentworth, of Multnomah. The absentees in the senate were Miss Clarke, Day and Garland.

HIS GREAT FAULT

SECRETARY WILSON OF the department of labor says now is the time for solution of the immigration problem.

The secretary insists that it is the government's duty to "place" the immigrant whenever possible. It should be done not only for the immigrant's sake, but also to prevent congestion in the cities.

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tractors for the privilege of supplying commissary stores. The naval clique would limit it to a few favored dealers.

By moving against ammunition and armament combines, by cutting down the price of projectiles and by saving \$3,000,000 in the cost of materials for the battleship Arizona alone, Secretary Daniels has incurred the resentment of great interests.

MR. CANTINE'S OPPORTUNITY

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER BOWLBY was removed because he couldn't agree with the contractors.

As a natural consequence, people will obviously surmise that the engineer who has taken his place was selected to agree with the contractors. This tendency is accentuated by the Hood River contractor's letter in which he said of Bowlby:

There is a general revolt among all the contractors engaged in this work, and we think we have the skid under him.

The one man, who can extricate the state highway department from the suspicion that rests on it, is State Highway Engineer Cantine. It is easily within his power to re-establish the office of state highway engineer as an office worthy of the money the public expends upon it.

By that course he can remove the suspicion that now rests upon the office of state highway engineer. There is no danger to his position in the plan.

Engineer Cantine is embarrassed by the suspicions that at present surround his position, but those suspicions convict him of nothing.

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In the factory. These are the immigrants the United States needs, but, as Mr. Wilson says, they should know in advance the real facts concerning their opportunities in America.

SIXTEEN LOST LIVES.

FIVE hundred and twenty-nine chimneys burned out in Portland last year.

The number in Los Angeles was thirteen. The year before in Los Angeles it was six. The percentage of burned-out chimneys in Portland is higher than any other reported city in the country.

Every chimney in which the accumulated soot bursts suddenly into flames is a menace to property and life. The sparks light on dry roofs, or elsewhere, and can at any moment start a disastrous conflagration.

It is worth thousands of dollars to the theatres for the firemen to keep up the inspection of the playhouses, and it is worth a great deal more to the Portland public.

The anti-fire movement by the Portland fire department is timely. But the firemen cannot do all.

THE POLISH JEWS

SEVEN million Poles, of whom 2,000,000 are Jews, are in dire need of food. This statement, made in London by Herrmann Laundau, a Jewish philanthropist, shows conditions bad enough.

The statement is made that the citizens' committee at Warsaw is the only large agency for affording relief to refugees.

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peace, and we can make a virtue of necessity. One hundred million people all attracted in white should have a wonderful psychic effect.

The Manufacturers' Record offered its suggestion to safeguard the manufacturers of fabrics and to prevent possible deprivation and suffering by workers in the mills.

The work of reducing the grade on Broadway, near the east approach to the bridge, is described in a news article as "preliminary" to paving the street from the bridge to Union avenue.

THE JOURNAL NATIONAL EDITORIAL

THE CASH COST OF WAR

By DAVID STARR JORDAN. Chancellor Jordan's estimate of the cash cost of war is \$100,000,000 per day.

Richter's calculation in 1912 was an underestimate as to expenses on the sea and in the air. These with the growing scarcity of bread and shrapnel, the equipment of automobiles and the unparalleled ruin of cities have raised this cost to \$70,000,000 per day.

Yves Guyot, the French economist, estimates that the first six months of war cost western Europe in cash \$5,400,000,000, to which should be added further destruction estimated at \$11,600,000,000, making a total of \$17,000,000,000.

No one can have any conception of what \$1,000,000,000 may be. It is four times all the coin in the world. If this sum were measured out in \$20 gold pieces and they were placed side by side on the railway track, on each rail, they would line up to the Pacific ocean, the two Canadian lines included.

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American company a year ago, the strongest in the world, and estimating the rest, we have something like this: During the "dry war" the net earnings of the German mercantile fleet were about one-third the cost of the navy supposed to protect it.

The cost of this war would pay the national debts of all the nations in the world at the time the war broke out, and this aggregate sum of \$45,000,000,000 for the world was all accumulated in the criminal stupidity of the wars of the nineteenth century.

One trouble with most of our brilliant thoughts is that they were original and the ancient thinkers.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. After a lie has prevailed some men call it the truth. A man may be old enough to know better, but too old to do it.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Ashland's council has ordered the renovation of the city's street sign system, by the restoring of replacing of all defaced or obliterated signs.

Indignant warning posted by the Moro Observer. The management of the Moro Observer has succeeded this week in having moved from the common street to a new building.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

"IN EARLY DAYS" By Fred Lockwood, Special Staff Writer of The Journal.

The first boat to turn a wheel on the upper Columbia was the Colonel Wright. The Colonel Wright was built at the mouth of the Deschutes river by R. R. Thompson and E. F. Coe and was launched October 24, 1858.

When Captain White began his career in the Willamette river, Albany was the hub of the steam navigation. Captain White became the popular hero of Corvallis by taking his boat over the hills.

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