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ASSAILING THE PRESIDENT

THE president of the German-American Alliance, which has just concluded a national convention in San Francisco...

As to President Wilson, the constantly reiterated threat that he will be defeated for re-election by German votes is not a popular utterance in America.

There are a great many important issues before the American people. But here is no other question so vital as that of whether this nation is free and independent and at liberty to protect its citizens and its rights against the depredations and injustices of foreign nations...

The United States is not a colonial possession directed by or answerable to either of the belligerent powers, and there is nothing more certain than that, in any contest to reduce it to that status, or to deprive America of her right to protect American lives and rights, the people will vote for freedom and independence in 1916 as they did in 1776.

Incidentally, a great many German-Americans do not approve the radical attitude of the president of the German-American Alliance, as was evidenced by the refusal of the convention at San Francisco to adopt resolutions in harmony with his utterances.

PORTLAND'S GOVERNMENT PUBLIC interest in municipal finance runs high. The people ask, "Is commission government financially efficient?"

Just before the end of councilmanic government a number of new fire companies were added. Additions were made to the police force. A \$3 minimum wage for city labor was inaugurated.

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Meanwhile Portland has been growing. Eighty-five miles more hard surface streets must be kept clean than under councilmanic government.

It will be worthy the attention of all who desire to be just in their judgments.

Do they notice? Do readers notice the improvement made day by day in The Journal?

Do they notice, when they take up the paper in the evening, what a mass of well selected and well edited news from every part of the world is assembled on its pages?

Did they notice last week that ten minutes after Mr. Bryan had ceased speaking to the great assemblage on Multnomah field that The Journal was on the street with a 3000 word report of his address—a feat in journalism never before performed in Portland?

Though Colonel Roosevelt was in Portland but 20 minutes, do they know that, while competitors carried only about four inches, The Journal contained two columns of stories and interviews with him, and was on the street within 30 minutes after his departure?

Mr. Roosevelt's utterances in The Journal were the subject of comment in newspaperdom as far east as the Atlantic?

It is The Journal's policy to put what it gets in resources from its patrons back into the paper in improvements, and it is by that process that Journal patrons are building up a great newspaper institution for themselves and for their service.

MARRIED MEN HERE can be no controversy as to what was the understanding of resident married men in expending the proceeds of the bond issue on the roads.

That such men were to have preference in the road work was a chief argument used to secure a verdict for the bonds. It was an argument that turned many a voter from original hostility into approval of the issue.

The obligation set up by this quasi promise is binding from every moral consideration, and the authorities have no right to disregard or repudiate it.

There is everywhere a growing acceptance of the principle that justice of foreign nations made mad by the exigencies of a fearful war which we had no part in making.

THE NEXT STEP A FEW years ago when Samuel Hill came into Oregon from Washington, practicing a highway on a five per cent grade along the Oregon shore of the Columbia river some people having consideration for his feelings told him that he was a visionary and was too far ahead of his generation.

Like all prophets, major and minor, he did not abandon his propaganda but kept on talking Columbia river highway as a necessary step in the development of the great Inland Empire equal in importance with the opening of the river to navigation.

Finally he succeeded in inducing a few public spirited men to come forward to the mourner's bench and get a glimpse of his vision.

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has. It is worth all the trials and tribulations that have attended its construction, worth its burden of taxation.

And it will be worth the coming sacrifice to complete it from the northeastern corner of the state to the ocean.

Following the construction of this great trunk road the next phase of development is the building of branch lines to serve as feeders.

THE FALL OF WARSAW THE capture of Warsaw and the Vistula line is one of the supreme achievements in military history.

It was accomplished by Germany and Austria while holding the armies of Great Britain, France and Italy at bay on the western and southern fronts.

Whether the great drive is now to end or be further pursued is wholly within the realm of conjecture. The undoubted purpose of the movement is to endeavor, if possible, to compel Russia to conclude a separate peace, and by the moral effect of the strategy, to prevent the Balkan nations from aiding their fortunes with the allies.

It seems to be a popular belief that a next immediate step by Germany will be a new and terrific drive on the Western front with Calais as the objective, but it is doubtful if such a movement will be immediately attempted.

THE state machinery is unwieldy and it ought to be rebuilt. This undoubtedly will happen. In the rebuilding lies the danger.

New York turns a searchlight on Illinois. The legislature at Albany amended the labor law, the workmen's compensation statute, the insurance act, and the public health law.

But we go on a step further. All the old laws were like the 14 commandments. They began "Thou shalt not." The amendments speak in a softer tone. They say "Thou shalt not UNLESS THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION GIVES YOU PERMISSION."

Announcing the new order the commission states: "Power was also given the commission to make a provision of the labor law or of any rule or regulation of the commission, affecting the construction of buildings, installation of apparatus, and the prevention of accidents, provided the spirit of the provision or regulation be observed."

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ships at San Francisco are to be given liberal shore leave, but they must be aboard ship before dark.

SNEAKING AWAY THE DEFENSES OF LABOR W. L. Cheney in Chicago Herald.

THEY are the Greeks, even though they bear gifts, might well be taken as a battle cry by the public-spirited women and by the labor men who have obtained shorter hours for women, protection for childhood and some safeguards for men employed in dangerous trades.

For the months just gone have seen a remarkable change in the fight against labor. New tactics have been learned. A different, a more subtle strategy has been invented.

All the laws protecting women and children, all the statutes secured through agony and travail during the generation gone are menaced. The attack is so indirect, so many old friends of social legislation have been deceived and beguiled; the Trojan horse seems so acid and gentle a Dobbin that it can be destroyed before the citizens are aware that a struggle is impending.

At the next session of the legislature Illinois will be asked to combine all the various labor and mining bureaus. The request is entirely proper. The present system is wasteful and weak.

None of the existing bureaus is properly manned. The lack of adequate civil service, the dearth of men in some offices, the spoilsman's avarice in others have effectively emasculated many good laws.

And I asked him—what was the matter. —and he said—he was waiting—for a fellow.

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citizens cannot be considered for the work. Clerks are forbidden to sleep in any room or apartment in connection with a store, unless these comply with the regulations of the local board of health.

The amendments were sponsored by John M. Andrews, president of the American Association of Labor Legislation. They were fought unsuccessfully by Samuel Gompers, Mrs. Florence Kelley, once factory inspector of Illinois, says practically every protection for women and children has been broken down.

Philadelphia North American: It is rumored that Carnegie offers \$1,000,000 to Italian Socialists to aid them in preventing war. Probably they couldn't raise that customary "equal amount."

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We have contended all along that section 23 of the water board's rules is a vicious piece of class legislation, because it allows a man to be furnished for construction purposes from a metered service.

Commissioner Daly is right, and now that Commissioner Dieck and the mayor have endorsed the principle of a "just measure" as to water we shall speedily have the records made in the case of 20 years' record of water metering.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Baltimore Star: "Bomb Misses Juliet's Tomb." Then there was something in that old story after all.

Washington Post: "What has become of the 100,000 shells?" asks a contemp. Why, they've all opened munition factories.

Omaha World Herald: "When Mayor Dahlman drives the mule at the Speedway this week he should remember his former successes behind the Democratic party."

Los Angeles Express: However, it is reasonable to suppose that when their own financial interests are not at stake, the Rockefeller are ready to follow the Oregon and the Naselle—up to a certain point.

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 17 and 18, are the dates fixed for Oregon county fair.

Stanfield Standard: Horace Walker says that every year the wheat crop and winter, burns up in summer and harvest a couple of acres in the fall.

It is the belief of the Woodburn Independent that it would be an act of "discovery" if some men running an office would keep photos of themselves out of the newspapers.

Business is good at the Salem post-office, the month of July showing an increase of about 12% over the same year ago, the total receipts for the month were \$7,704.92; this year, \$6,126.40.

From a standpoint of business, it seems to the Hood River Glacier that the Southern Pacific company should be made to give up the wood-burner distribution car "Rainbow" free of charge. It would stocked streams in the Hood River valley.

Ashtland Tidings: The Little Giant, the 25-ton engine, which for so many years pulled cars between Medford and Astoria, has been sent to the junkyard by the state, where it will be used on a "jerkwater" line.

PAISLEY PRESS: It was only a short time ago that a team of plodding horses, related every few days, brought the mail from both directions. Only a few years ago before the road built by the N. P. on the south, it was nothing less than week old mail which reached us here.

CATHOLIC SENTINEL: Much is heard of the Swiss method of military preparedness by which brave soldiers are trained to fight with a half million men and makes its big neighbors think twice before disregarding Swiss neutrality.

EUGENE REGISTER: The promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club has long made it a rule to send out nothing that is not literally true. It is a good rule.

WOODBURN INDEPENDENT: Millions of people are being misled and are not mollified either, while other millions are eager for the United States to go to war.

ASTORIAN: Now that the United States government has officially declared its policy, it is not hard to see that the Columbia river bar in perfect safety at mean low water.

Dr. Turner Discusses Osteopathy. Portland, Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—There seems to be no one to dispute some of the extravagant claims made by the osteopathic gentlemen now in convention here.

Answers. Shedd, Or., Aug. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—If you please publish in your paper the name of the captain of the Titanic? Also, if the law requires rural mail carriers to deliver newspapers, letters and mail, is it not their duty to deliver the mail if the house is within a half mile of road?

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