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WOODROW WILSON. America asks nothing for herself but what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.

A SOLDIER'S WARNING BECAUSE he is not in accord with the War College and not in favor of such extension of the army as the military men deem necessary.

As custodian of the honor, safety and prosperity of a nation, it is better to have men whose thoughts incline to peaceful rather than warlike pursuits.

From what higher authority and from what experience so tremendous, could there come a warning against a government regulated by military experts.

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PRIVATE WAR R. WILSON, the secretary of labor, makes one recommendation in his report that will excite much discussion and some opposition.

TWO HARVESTS AMERICAN harvests this year surpass any ever recorded. It was a banner year both in volume and value.

The areas planted were the greatest in history. They were larger than the combined area of Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Switzerland.

The wheat acreage was 6,000,000 acres more than ever before. The average yield was 16.9 bushels per acre, the largest acre-yield ever attained in America.

Contemplation of the year's farm production is a delightful reflection. The farmers and their sons bore only the arms of peace.

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STATE TEXT BOOKS THERE is no convincing reason, so far as we know, why the state of Oregon should not print its own text books for the public schools.

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One reason why we do not succeed better in trade with South America is because they use the scientific metric system down there, while we cling to the weird and wonderful English system.

There are mutterings in Great Britain against the old-fashioned scheme of weights and measures as well as the pounds, shillings and pence method of counting money.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS AND THE POETIC DRAMA From the New York Evening Post. It is an admitted thing of the poetic drama as something that in our time and language is almost non-existent.

From the employment of so many lawyers to find out who is head of the state highway department, it might be reasonably inferred that some people have the idea that the state highway tax is imposed not to improve highways, but to build up lawyers.

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NO WAR WITHOUT CAPITAL. Portland, Or., Dec. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—From my source of knowledge I calculate there are from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 people in the United States alone, that study and practice mental divine sciences, their characteristics teaching how to acquire eternal love, self control and prosperity.

THE AUDITORIUM. Portland, Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal.—When the people of Portland voted bonds for an auditorium on the Market block, the bonds were more popular than any other issue.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF. OREGON SIDELIGHTS. The Salem Cherrilans will put on their white suits Sunday evening and go to church according to the Daily Capital Journal, which adds that it is their regular annual service.

Among the good work outlined by the Joseph Commercial club is the improvement of the road leading into Joseph. An effort will also be made to interest the county court in widening the road to the head of Malheur lake to double its present width.

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