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

Observe good faith and justice
toward all nations. Cultivate
peace and harmony with all.

Survival of the fittest
The terrible world war now
raging the law of the survival
of the fittest will be found as
inescapable, immutable and

Professor Bogart's apparently
profound remark means nothing
more than to say that the stron-
gest wolf will probably lead the
pack.

THE USEFUL BAT
EVERY little while some in-
genius man of a thoughtful
turn contrives to do some-
thing which reminds us how
little we make of nature's re-
sources. The chances are that
there are forces and treasures liv-
ing around us almost in plain
sight which we overlook but which
our more alert children will turn
to excellent account.

THE LAW OF NATIONS
ONE question that must be de-
termined after peace comes in
Europe is whether what is ter-
med international law is to be
continued as a mere code of
etiquette to be violated at will,
or whether it is to be a real code
of laws.

ANNA DICKINSON
IT IS a curious reflection that the
Pennsylvania Quakers have al-
most ceased to contribute to the
progressive thought of the na-
tion. There was a time some half
century ago, when they influenced
the popular mind, directly and in-
directly, as much as any other el-
ement of the population. A great
many of the pioneers in the anti-
slavery agitation were Quakers of
Pennsylvania antecedents, and the
same may be said of the woman
suffragists who did their work to-
ward the close of the last century.

girl, Anna Dickinson wrote an ar-
ticle against slavery for the Lib-
erator when she was 14 years old.
It was much admired by Garrison
and his fellow abolitionists for the
incisive vigor of its style, as well
as for its sound logic.

others. He expressed the convic-
tion that the evils of the present
war will force the nations now in
conflict from the dire necessity
of self preservation to go about
it after the war to strengthen the
sanctions of international law
and to secure beyond peradventure
a competent court of the nations
to deal with infractions of the
law under the guiding principle
that an injury to one is the con-
cern of all.

THE LAST CURTAIN
THE memories of old theatre
goers were stirred by the an-
nouncement a few days ago
of the death of the great
Italian actor, Tommaso Salvini.
He retired from the stage twelve years
ago and outside of his native land
had almost been forgotten.

A FARMER'S WIFE
THE wife of a farmer living not
far from Silver Lake gave an
account of her daily program
in a letter to The Journal a
fortnight or so ago. Her duties seem
quite sufficient to occupy her time
and keep her out of mischief. She
has seven children to care for, with
an eighth not far away. The day
begins, of course, with breakfast,
which must be set for the family
of nine, with the school teacher,
who boards there, and now and
then a paying guest. The farmer,
as we infer, keeps one of those way-
side "stopping places" which are so
convenient for belated travelers, and
often better than any ordinary hotel.

FAITHFUL
THE modern theory that a pris-
on is a place to remake men
is again vindicated. A prisoner
at Sing Sing was allowed to
visit his family during the holidays
on his word of honor that he
would return.

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nothing the matter
with portland
The concern to be visited today has grown
in a few years from being a matter of
local interest to one of national im-
portance. It is now the subject of
congressional investigation, and the
highest officials of the government are
concerned with it.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
Got your paper, pen and ink handy
for those letters next week?
Feed the birds, by all means, but
don't forget hungry human beings.

REGIONS HIGHLIGHTS
The electric lighting company at
Portland is planning to meter all
homes, and will also reduce the mini-
mum rate.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS OF OREGON
LA GRANDE OBSERVER: Now
people are moving into La Grande in
numbers. Real estate firms with
houses to rent report a brisk business
during the past seven days.

LEBANON EXPRESS: Those who
have faith in the future of Oregon are
beginning to study opportunities for
investments, and future fortunes await
those who put aside their fears and
embrace the many changes to be
made when prices in real estate are
down, and in many instances peo-
ple are forced by stress of circum-
stances to sell. There are those liv-
ing here who are not only interested
in their own welfare, but who are
helping others by investing. Some will
take advantage of the situation, and later
when they reap their reward, those
who refused to part with their money
will no doubt say "It was mere luck."

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