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Illustration of a man in a suit, possibly a politician or public figure, with a caption below.

America asks nothing for herself but what she has a right to ask for humanity. Tell the operator what department you want.

Millions for defense, but not a cent for tribute. CHARLES C. PINCKNEY.

I think that everyone of us as Americans would be ashamed if America did not do what she can for the world.

TELL THE TRUTH. Let us stick to the facts. Let the truth be told in campaign time, the same as out of campaign time.

Cheap politicians of whatever party are not licensed to garble the facts, notwithstanding the large amount of it that is being done.

I think they are getting in British Columbia \$4 to \$6 per thousand feet more than we are getting for stringers.

With British Columbia lumbermen getting \$4 to \$6 a thousand more for their lumber than Washington and Oregon lumbermen are getting, how could the Washington and Oregon lumber industry be harmed by British Columbia competition?

E. G. Ames is a well known Republican. He was addressing fellow lumbermen in a meeting at which ways and means for aiding their own business was being discussed.

When politicians of the Toozee type run around with the statements that the lumber industry of Oregon has been harmed by British Columbia competition under the new tariff, they are simply lying.

Not a stick of Canadian lumber has been brought into Oregon in 10 years.

It does not come here because, on the statement of Mr. Ames to his fellow lumbermen in their business meeting, northwest lumbermen are selling lumber several dollars per thousand below what Canadian lumbermen are getting for their product.

The British newspapers are now denouncing President Wilson as unneutral because he did not interfere with the recent operations of the German submarines just off the American coast.

The city commissioners have cut \$255,700 from the mayor's budget estimates. If the commission will cut expenditures to the bone along all lines it will put a solid and enduring foundation under commission government.

ITS TROUBLES. THE discussion of the affairs of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, little attention has been paid to the effect upon that corporation incident to competition from the Northwestern Electric company.

Nor has there been mention of the effect upon the rapid transit traffic incident to the wide ownership and use of automobiles.

Thousands of men now journey to and from business in their machines, who formerly used the street cars. Doubtless many more of them travel that way than make the trip to and from business in jitneys.

There are no statistics available, but it may be that ten times as many persons pass between their homes and business places in privately owned automobiles than do so in jitneys. This is a fact that should be considered in reaching a

reasonable conclusion as to the situation. The Northwestern Electric company has secured a large amount of business. It offered lower rates and naturally attracted a large patronage. It also confined its operations to thickly settled districts, taking thereby the cream of the business.

Change is going on in this world. The car of evolution never stands still. It has no stopping places. It journeys forward by night as well as by day.

Among the changes it is making is gradual progress toward confining profits to legitimate capitalization, and requiring public utilities to operate on a basis of such efficiency as to meet changing conditions.

In the closing speech of his third speaking tour, Mr. Hughes renewed his statement of what he would have done when the Lusitania was sunk. Speaking of what he would have done, the Chicago Herald, which is supporting Mr. Hughes, says: "Now comes Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for the presidency in his proper person and unequivocally declares that he would have severed diplomatic relations with Germany immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania."

But why take a course that would pour out rivers of German blood and American blood when President Wilson upheld every American right by successful diplomacy without the firing of a shot or the destruction of one German life or one American life?

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derision among the officials, but at length the pressure of common sense and common honesty from the outside compelled them to adopt it and Akron now rejoices in the change, which means lower taxes and better returns for those which are collected.

Oakland, California, adopted a modern budget in 1915. It is so prepared, as we learn from the National Municipal Review, that "the story of the city's financial transactions can be readily understood by lay citizens."

The Municipal Review says of Portland's budget that "it is somewhat detailed so far as salaries go, but as to other expenses a uniform classification is not followed."

In the domain of budgets we are still aliens and strangers. The rest of the world is far ahead of us. Perhaps our projected bureau of economy and efficiency will help us catch up.

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Professor Lowell for some years contended that they were canals dug for irrigation works. This always looked a little fishy since the canals are necessarily of immense size. Otherwise they could not be detected even through telescopes.

Of late Professor Lowell has altered his view somewhat. He now teaches that the streaks on Mars are irrigated strips of land rather than canals, but the principle is the same. If there is irrigation on our neighbor's surface there must be intelligent beings to carry it on.

So it makes not much difference whether the streaks are canals or breadths of vegetation watered by canals.

There is nothing repugnant to common sense in the theory that Mars and many other heavenly bodies are inhabited. Conditions are doubtless such that the beings dwelling there must differ a great deal from humans in figure and perhaps in their bodily organs. But that is of no consequence. We are not obliged to suppose that our figure is a model for the whole universe or that other organs than ours would not work quite as well in other planets.

It is rather absurd, when one thinks it all over, to imagine that the Almighty was able to make only one world in which intelligent beings could thrive. Such a limitation of his ingenuity can hardly be pleasing to the reverent mind.

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to deal with so many complex questions of national and international importance. We are proud of our president and will stand by him.

Did you notice that silly editorial in the Oregonian of October 17 headed "The Kept Us Out of War, and then nearly a column trying to prove that the Kaiser kept us out of war?"

No wonder such a copperhead could not pass intelligently on that scurrilous cartoon published in the Oregonian on February 17, 1916, which caricatured President Wilson and lowered still further in public estimation that remarkable sheet which so underestimates the intelligence of the people.

The people know they have nothing to fear as long as President Wilson is at the head of this nation.

After the war is over those tanks can be used in filling up the trenches and craters they are now carpeting across.

At all events, there is no section of this great country in which 42 rainless days in succession would do as little damage as right here in western Oregon.

"Heckle," apparently, has got into President Wilson's head. And here also comes another ancient friend, "beer fondle," which, it is said, is "beer fondle."

Will the League to Enforce Peace have the same effect on the war that peace and mamma have in their league to enforce celibacy upon daughter and that odious young man of her age?

Charles M. Schwab says: "I always pity the man who says, 'When I get so much money, I am going to retire and enjoy life.' But here he is begging pity for the man who says, 'When I get so much money (though I know I will never be permitted to get that much), I am going to buy a house and wear and tear and to house me comfortably, and pay my bills some time, if not on the first of the month, I enjoy life.'"

The greenback party tried to loosen the hold of such men as Pierpont Morgan. The 16 to 1 silverites (of whom I was one) tried it. And now the Socialists and Progressives, but in vain until Woodrow Wilson. Nothing could be done to free the people from the money bags. No wonder Wall street is mad at Wilson.

Now that Wilson is giving the country the relief sought by all worthy effort, the voters should sustain him.

A socialist who writes me says: "I never did vote the Republican ticket, and can't vote the Democratic ticket."

The brightest men in this nation are now convinced that with Villa in Mexico and Roosevelt in the United States the election of Hughes means the end of the world as we know it. This would mean that every able-bodied citizen of the United States would be subject to a gun and a fight. It is the end of the world as we know it.

When in the past I have been in doubt as to how to vote, I have decided the matter by casting my vote for everything wanted by self-seeking men, with very satisfactory results.

W. J. WIMER.

Six Months' Residence Necessary. Portland, Oct. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—Please advise if I can vote at the coming election. I am registered in the city of Portland and in this city August 10. I am married.

JAMES WEAVER.

Mexico: 1846-1916. Baker, Or., Oct. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—In reading General Grant's Memoirs, dedicated by him "To the American Soldier and Sailor" I undertook to substitute the Boers for the British, and find on page 63, volume 1, the following comment on the Mexican war: "Generally the officers of the army were indifferent whether the Anglo-American or the Boer was to conquer the Transvaal. They were not to conquer the Transvaal. The military party in England stated that it would cost \$50,000,000 and take a few months; it cost \$150,000,000 and took a year and a half to conquer the Transvaal, and then they discovered that they had conquered the Boers. They found that the Boers were a more determined and more energetic people than the British. They were not to conquer the Transvaal. 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