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Some of the earliest records that ever traveled and crept through life by its direct and narrow ways will gravely go down in diaries the events of every day and keep regular dates and credits...

THE FALL OF THE FIREBUGS

PORTLAND'S fire loss has been reduced by the fire prevention campaign led by Fire Marshal Stevens from \$6.78 per capita to \$1 per capita. The total fire loss for the year immediately preceding the fire prevention work was \$1,797,854.

Members of the gang were professional firebugs. They made it their business to insure property and burn it. In one case, a house was rented, and furniture purchased for a second hand dealer for \$100.

The arson activity by the all-coast gang was carried on in all the big cities, from the Canadian to the Mexican line. It came out through confessions and testimony at trials that 100 buildings in all were burned.

A COAL SCANDAL

THE horrors of municipal trading are scandalously exemplified by the conduct of Terre Haute, Indiana, which we blush to say, has gone into the coal business.

A DIFFERENCE IN IRON

ALWAYS tearfully solicitous for the public weal and ever forgetful of private interests, the Oregonian shudders to think how the sweet Bull Run current will be polluted by turning a water wheel.

TO PRESIDENT LOVETT

AS HEAD of the Union Pacific railroad system, there are matters on the Pacific Coast that challenge Judge Lovett's attention. Having interest in the welfare of the Union Pacific railroad as in all things in the Oregon country, The Journal undertakes to direct Judge Lovett's attention to these matters upon which, as administrative officer of a great railroad organization, he ought to be informed.

There are sacred covenants which Judge Lovett's predecessor, the late E. H. Harriman, entered into with the people of Portland. As president of the company over which Judge Lovett now presides, Mr. Harriman made certain pledges relative to things he would do in behalf of the city of Portland.

In the agreement in question, Mr. Harriman on sundry occasions pledged the people of Portland, both in public addresses and otherwise, that if they would provide a 30-foot channel to the sea, the influence and power of the Union Pacific railroad would be used to make Portland one of the greatest distributing centers on the Pacific coast.

From the same source, Judge Lovett can ascertain that there is a 30-foot channel up the Columbia river and that the authorities are now engaged on a project to further deepen the channel to 33 feet to Portland.

It was by taxing themselves and, by other personal sacrifices that the people of Portland have brought about the thing which Mr. Harriman held out to them as the price they were to pay for the power and influence of the Union Pacific to be used in making Portland the distributing point for the Columbia river basin and one of the greatest jobbing centers on the Pacific coast.

On the project at the mouth of the river and improvement of the channel, the federal government had expended as a result of the activities and appeals of the people of Portland \$18,476,740 up to February, 1916, more than one year ago. Enough additional has since been spent to increase the expenditure to more than twenty million dollars.

There are many well-meaning people who want to rush into war, who are urged by sentiment rather than reason. May the gods deliver us from war! SUBSCRIBER.

RAISES VOICE AGAINST WAR

Golden, Or., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I would like to see a great newspaper like The Journal could wield a great influence in keeping this country out of war if its policy was so directed.

IRON

part impurities from which the iron of the conduit pipes is entirely free. Iron used simply to convey water is as innocent as a new born lamb, while iron used to turn a wheel acquires untold degrees of guilt.

PEEPING TOM

H. WARREN, Mayor Albee's secretary, has contributed his mite to the city's gaiety by announcing his purpose to succeed to the mayoralty. We do not mean that everybody is laughing at Mr. Warren's pretensions, but there are some who smile.

Peeping Tom's candidity is a joke, but a dismal one. It is astonishing to think how many people sympathize with his views of public service. A man who believes that the whole duty of the mayor of Portland consists in eavesdropping and keyhole spying is sure to receive wide support, more's the pity.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

As a councilman I have tried to do the business of the city the same as I would do it if I were a voter. I would like to think that I had a lawsuit in court worth as much money as the one that the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company has against the city.

ASSASSIN DR. ROBERG'S PLEA

Portland, March 2.—To the Editor of The Journal.—A day or two ago Dr. Roberg sang his swan song in the Oregonian, bewailing the fact that the legislature had cut \$5000 out of the board of health estimates and that 75 per cent of child mortality could be prevented if he had this amount to pay trained nurses and allopathic medical students.

WAR'S HORRORS

Portland, March 2.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It seems to me that many Americans don't realize what war means. It has been so long since our country was engaged in war, so long since we had to pay for it, that our hearts that are weary tonight, looking for the dawn of peace.

NORMALS AND CERTIFICATES

Portland, March 2.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Easton had the presumption to quote and comment on the regulations governing certification of teachers, in Tuesday's paper.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hauser Visit. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hauser have arrived at the Hotel Multnomah from Port Angeles, Wash., for an extended visit.

PANTAGES IN PORTLAND

Alexander Pantages, Seattle vaudeville magnate, is a Portland visitor.

NORWEGIAN AT PERKINS

Ludwig Woole of Christiansa, Norway, is an overseas visitor at the Perkins.

MR. AND MRS. GILBERT

Dr. E. Gilbert and B. B. Fortune are guests at the Imperial.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Should it come to the test, although Mr. Bryan would deplore the fact that a million men must rally to arms overnight, it would have one peach of an I-fold-you-so coming.

There is nobody out of Germany who knows that Texas is a state that covers the whole United States. And then they go on to propose to Mexico that she reconquer Texas.

Tennyson's vision of "aerial navies" grapping in the central blue is well known. The navy department, however, is not so sure.

Nobody even yet, wants war—not for a minute, that is, nobody—but the chrome jingo and the profiteer. How, however, the American people believe that liberty and justice demand the ordeal, these vocalizers who have been shouting "no more war" are going to be the worst astonished bunch that ever got their names into history.

PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND PEOPLE

From New York Evening Post, February 25. In his message to congress and the country today, President Wilson lays upon himself the same restraint and the same rules of prudence that have marked his every public act since he took office from the first day until now.

There remains the asserted fear that with congress out of the way, the president might get the country into war. On this subject, a great deal of the food for thought has been heard. People have lost themselves in abstractions. It is true that the constitution reserves to congress the function of declaring war.

It is not the "paper" division of powers which really counts in the question of war. The real decisive factors are the national temper, as it is reflected in congress, and, above all, the leadership of the executive. He is charged with it to see to it that foreign affairs are not in his hands, but in those of his representatives.

How to Exercise (No. 1).—Keep active. This is possible even to those who are tied to work as though they had no other interference with work, the muscular system can be exercised vigorously, and the sluggish channels of the circulation stirred and cleared.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY

Copyright, 1917, by J. Keeley. avoid slouching over his work, stand with feet well apart, toes pointing forward. He should work as though chest were flat and arms extended straight forward. That is the first step in the proper exercise of the muscles.

He can form the habit of repeatedly rising on his toes, bending slightly at the knees. He can make tense all the muscles of the body without going through any other exercise than by putting one set of muscles after another on the stretch, alternately "tightening" and relaxing them, as in clenching the fist. The method can be applied to the neck, chest, abdomen and back, without attracting any attention.

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Rag Ta and Bo-tail

Stories From Everywhere. "OH, THE Old Chariot of Zion!" A WILLAMETTE VALLEY salgt...

Lucky Choice. "Til tell you, old man, Anky is a bright girl. She's brains enough for two."

Wild Life in New York

Wild Life in New York. Writers who are accustomed to stress the point that Manhattan is an altered, civilized island should seek enlightenment from the residents of the upper part of the island around Spuyten Duyvil and along the Hudson and Harlem rivers.

Where the Weary May Rest

Where the Weary May Rest. The visit of the distinguished educator and pacifist, Dr. David Jordan, to this city recalls a story told of him by people who knew him in his college days.

The Miracle

The Miracle. Behold, a miracle is wrought! A blade of grass springs from the ground, and stands its bonds, and sheds its seed on the air around.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says

Uncle Jeff Snow Says. After 60-odd years of gittin' along with the rest of the world, the best way in kin, I've decided that if the good Lord will only restrain my friends I'll have a cinch lookin' out fer my enemies.

Victorious Patriotism

Victorious Patriotism. At cafeterias where you take a seat that happens to be vacant, you hit upon the morning paper, are read and forgotten and the afternoon papers are not out, so there is nothing fropped in front of your neighbor but his food.

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