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New occasions teach new duties.
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.

PAY THE MEN
PRESIDENT WALKER and his cabinet are displaying wisdom in proceeding carefully and discreetly in their negotiations with the street car company.

THE western world an immense industrial advantage was conferred upon Japan and China, perhaps unintentionally.
The demonization of silver depressed its value greatly, but up to that time it had fluctuated but little for several centuries.

OUR FIRE HABITS
TOMORROW is fire prevention day.
"Keep up the fire prevention campaign—there is a great deal yet to be done; the work is only just started."

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD
IN THE spring of the year 1906 the provincial legislature of Ontario founded a hydro-electric power commission which has been doing some valuable work since it was organized.

TRADE AND SILVER
THE steady rise in the value of silver is a phenomenon of deep interest to the financial and industrial world.

tion. It is giving them the benefit of immense economies at a time when such benefits are extraordinarily welcome.

The cheap current supplied by the commission is an especial boon to the Ontario farmers, who use it for running machinery, heating, cooking and cleaning.

Between 1833 and 1873, when silver was demonetized, its extreme fluctuation compared with gold was only 8 cents the ounce.

The mints of British India were closed to silver coinage shortly before the year 1896. It is an interesting coincidence that between 1896 and 1900 more than 16,000,000 people perished in India of famine brought on by industrial misery.

There is no higher authority on the subject. By experience, Mr. Stevens knew. After 20 months of fire prevention work, he saw the fire loss of Portland reduced from \$1,800,000 a year to \$278,000 a year.

When the fire prevention campaign began in Portland in 1915, the annual fire loss of the city was \$6.78 per capita, or nearly three times the per capita loss of the United States.

The campaign should go on and on. The popular idea that when property is burned, the insurance people pay the bill and therefore there is no loss, is wrong, foolishly, frightfully wrong.

The insurance paid on it was a tax on other property and it restored nothing to the insured.

An important factor in increasing our toll is the recklessness and indifference with which we burn up the fruits of our toil through our carelessness with fire.

The commission was founded on a generous plan and its work has justified its authors. It now serves 99 cities in Ontario province with current for light and various other purposes.

The commission, which seems to be extremely active, has found a wide field of usefulness in the field of interurban railways.

It will not allow. The Journal, Oct. 7.—The Editor of The Journal, Portland, Oct. 7.—I read with great sorrow what a certain Los Angeles pastor had said in a speech to the Rotary club.

One troop train after another is passing through Portland, carrying soldier boys en route to the army camps. It is to pay for the food, maintenance and wage of these boys that Liberty bonds are being sold.

Thus far British public opinion has not made any sustained demand for reprisals upon Germany for the air raids.

From a military point of view these raids have been negligible. But they have caused many civilian deaths and have kept up a constant irritation which is gradually working a change in the public mind.

No doubt some part of the Germans' fierce determination to go on fighting comes from the immunity they have enjoyed at home.

A Liberty bond is a first class investment. The property, the pledge and the honor of the United States are back of it.

It is common talk among real artists that ragtime music does not deserve the scorn it gets from pedantic professionals.

The pedants may, of course, reply that popularity is no proof of excellence in music, but Mr. Johnson retorts that no great music has ever been created at stroke.

The cowboys, in the heyday and glory of their reign, were famous composers of songs. Owen Wister speaks, not very reverently, of this art of theirs in The Virginian.

As reported in the Evening Post, Mr. Johnson speaks regretfully of the death of "folk lore" among the Americans but the negroes.

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN
By Fred Lockley.
Within the past few months here in Oregon thousands of mothers all over America have smiled.

That also reminds me that a couple of weeks ago I went with a young girl from the country who was visiting me, to one of the theatres and a man sang a very frivolous song and the audience laughed and laughed several times, and I actually trembled and was sorry I had brought the girl there.

Where a few months ago the sight of a soldier's uniform on the streets caused the passerby to glance at the wearer with curiosity, today we see the olive drab everywhere.

A Rejoinder
Portland, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In answer to "Spanish War Veteran's Wife," wanting to know if she would be interested in a book.

A Champion for Mr. Eaton
Albany, Oct. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read with interest your recent editorial defending Mr. Eaton.

OUR ALLIES AND OUR CANDY
Portland, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—According to the news dispatches, Mr. Hoover says that France this year will be 100,000 tons short of sugar.

"As to Milk"
Portland, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It seems to me when a woman takes a stand like the Journal did a few days ago in the editorial entitled "As to Milk," it should be commended by every broad-minded person.

PERSONAL GUILT
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PERSONAL MENTION
Traffic Manager in City
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith and daughter of Spokane are staying at the Hotel Carlton.

COMES FROM MICHIGAN
En route to Eugene, Mrs. Martha Defer of Detroit, Mich., was in Portland a few hours today.

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