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of democracy, real democracy. The Echo says these men have formed an invisible and autocratic government which is spinning its web over every department of our nation's activities, about our law-making, our sources of information, our press and our thoughts, secretly hampering and antagonizing our leader. That is to say, they are secretly hampering and antagonizing President Wilson.

has become one of Oregon's staple industries were it not for the un-dependable markets. This year's crop may bring in big returns, while next year's may be a drug on the market. People, the country over, eat about as many potatoes one year as another and would be willing to pay a reasonable price from season to season if they were permitted. But those who control our markets find more profit for themselves in wasteful fluctuations than they do in stable conditions.

thing this fall at his annual official reception and nobody looked glum over it. Sugar was so common for many years before the war that we wasted it recklessly. Everything had to be sweetened, even the children's lessons at school. Now we have been obliged to revert to conditions not unlike those Washington Irving describes in his "Knickerbocker History."

reply to Washington's first address to congress last year. The President said: "This was too simple for many and some communications written by men who thought Washington favored greater normalcy were addressed to the president."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
Albert of the Belgians, is our idea of a King. Health hint: If your breathing passages are clogged, clear out the time that the Kaiser will just as likely as not take his Christmas dinner in Paris.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS
A "Y" hut 60 by 100 feet and to cost probably \$11,000, is to be built on the grounds of the agricultural college campus at Corvallis. Lane county's aggregate assessment this year, exclusive of public service corporations, is above that of 1917 by \$231,300.

Ragtag and Bobtail
Stories From Everywhere
In the Role of Daniel
UNCLE JACK and Uncle James had come to see their sister and her sweet little children, and like the good-natured fellows they are, they were soon playing a game of marbles. The awfully, says Pearson's Weekly, there was nothing more than the usual amount of uproarious riot which denoted that the little boys were perfectly happy, but at last the noise increased to a terrific extent that mamma hurried up to find out the cause of it.



PROGRESS OR NOT?
NO DOUBT the war is drawing to its close. Statesmen in the allied countries warn us not to look for the end of it just yet. But they fear some relaxation of effort from the expectation of early peace and therefore make the prospect a little darker than it really is, perhaps.

HOME RULE IN OREGON
THE home rule amendment to the Oregon constitution was supposed originally to confer upon municipalities the power to enact any purely local legislation which did not contravene the criminal laws of the state. But this interpretation of the amendment has not found favor with the courts. They have decided in effect that it confers upon municipalities a more restricted power, and yet one that is of great value.

DELINQUENT TAX EXPOSURES
Umatilla's Costs More Than Eight Times Any Needed Cost.
Umatilla county taxpayers have paid during the past seven years approximately \$413,000 for delinquent tax lists, or an approximate average of \$58.45 for each year.

Letters From the People
Denounces the Telegram
Portland, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal:—I have read with interest and indignation your editorial on the Telegram.

JOURNAL MAN ABROAD
By Fred Lockley
Continuing his trip through the streets of Southampton, Mr. Lockley proceeds until he reaches the outskirts of the town.

How to Live
By Dr. Woods Hutchinson, Former Portland Physician
Fight it out as best you can, just as Germany treats epidemics in her prison camps today.

Olden Oregon
From 1845 to 1870 San Francisco Controlled Portland's Commerce.
From 1845 down to 1870 the trade of Portland was controlled substantially by San Francisco interests.

LIME FOR THE FARMS
THE Oregon lime plant is now ready for the delivery of limes to the farmers. The capacity of the plant is 100 tons per day. A slight addition of machinery would double it.

MOVING A LIBRARY
THE Agricultural college is confronted this fall with the pleasant task of moving its library to new quarters. The college's 35,000 books have for years been housed after a hit or miss fashion in narrow and ill-suited quarters.

SUGAR AND SOCIETY
HARDLY anything on earth is so stable as social customs, and yet they change under the stress of war. What entertainer would four years ago have dreamed of asking his guests to bring their own sugar to a party where refreshments were to be served?

Bring in the Americans
The Cry in France
It is well-nigh impossible to take up a copy of a French newspaper without finding in it some heart-warming tribute to the American soldiers.

Just Plain President Is His Only Title
From the Philadelphia Ledger.
General Pershing's message to the president thanking him for his appreciation of the work of our soldiers in France recalls a controversy that raged hotly in the early days of the republic.

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Publication Measures
Titles of Two Initiative Bills to Remove a Public Burden.
The 1917 legislature was urged to repeal the delinquent tax list publication law and substitute mail notices, but organized newspaper lobby prevented it.

Initiative Bill—Proposed by Initiative.
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IS DEMOCRACY SAFE?
THE Pacific Echo is the official organ of The Neighbors of Woodcraft, a fraternal order whose membership is large and its finances well conducted.

POTATOES
KLAMATH COUNTY announces with pardonable satisfaction that a company of potato farmers who planted 60 acres last spring have obtained a net return of \$9000 for their time and effort. This means \$150 an acre, a reward of merit as rare as it is charming.

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