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THE TREATY RIPPERS... Degree of happiness varies according to the degree of stress...

WHAT a nation-wide fight against ratification of the four-power treaty is being organized in a Washington dispatch...

There is only one way to stop prodigal waste of money on dreadnaughts and that is to stop it. And the only way to stop it is by agreement among nations...

There is only one way to remove causes of war and that is to remove them. And the only way to remove them is by agreement among nations...

These agreements as to navy building and removal of causes of war are being made at Washington. It is so intelligent a purpose, so civilized a purpose and so profitable a purpose, that it seems unbelievable that attempt will be made to prevent ratification...

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Loughlin street will be resisted by many people. Dr. John McLoughlin's magnificent pioneering in the Oregon country is cheaply enough recognized by the name of a street...

THE special session should adjourn without agreeing to submit an exposition tax plan to the people, what?

In defense of themselves, the legislators will undoubtedly reach some kind of agreement. It will probably be an intelligent agreement. To adjourn without it would be a fiasco in legislative action that would go down into history along with that notorious session that never organized...

Many others as earnestly oppose it, and it is only fair to both to give them a chance to decide the matter by ballot, which is the manner prescribed in the organic law for such controversies to be decided. This is particularly true, since the chief cost in submitting the exposition measure is the payment of the expenses of the legislature now in session.

Prominent men are frequently in the news dispatches as flouting the dry law. Do men of mature years realize that holding that law in contempt makes other laws contemptible? When they flout the prohibition law before the young, the young may conclude that all laws are silly...

TO ONE of the agencies preparing Christmas dinners for the needy came a request that lifted it above conventional appeals to Santa's liberality. "Give us instead of a Christmas basket a sack of flour," was the plea.

THE petition did not come from the valley of the Volga where millions of Russians starve or from Central Europe where the wailing of war orphans awakens every generous impulse.

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THE maul man says Santa gets off easy—that carrying a bulging pack is getting to be an everyday test of endurance with him.

will be narrowed where it has greatest tendency to shoal. Permanent works to a certain extent will take the place of impermanent dredging which removed silt left by one freshet, only to have it washed back into the cut by the next.

Man in all his glory is a mighty small thing when you read of Scientist Michelson's measurements of Antares, the bright star in the constellation Scorpio. Its diameter is 420,000,000 miles. This is 4 1/2 times the distance between earth and sun in our solar system.

WHY THEY LEAVE... Because he married without permission from an officer, a private soldier in the United States army at Fort Lawton is to be court-martialed.

When the bars were let down after the armistice and enlisted men in the navy were offered releases, the government soon found itself lacking sufficient personnel to man the ships. Vessels, for want of crews, were tied up in practically every navy yard in the country.

Officials and the general public were at a loss to understand why the service was unpopular. The pay was fair, the food wholesome, accommodations generally satisfactory, and the opportunity for travel excellent.

THE incident at Fort Lawton offers a different view of military life and explains the exodus from the service. A soldier or sailor cannot marry without permission. He cannot leave a post for even an hour after his daily duties are discharged, without permission. He can do nothing but salute and follow orders, whatever the orders may be.

Letters From the People... [Communication sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on plain paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be accompanied by the name and full address in full of the writer, whose name and address will be published unless otherwise stated.]

THE STERILIZATION LAW... Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have just received a letter from E. Lee Lee, a farmer, who writes that Oregon has been declared unconstitutional. It is unnecessary to say I was shocked. But as I am so accustomed to the word unconstitutional, I am happy to say I am not prostrated.

AS INTEREST GOES DOWN... A TWO hundred million dollar issue of United States treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated December 15, was oversubscribed by American banks within two days.

THE COLUMBIA CHANNEL... WITHIN four years the channel at the mouth of the Columbia will be 50 feet deep at low tide, believe engineers long connected with the project. The depth is now more than 43 feet over a width of nearly a mile. It is steadily increasing.

AN UNSEEMLY BACKBONE... Farmers the Nation's Vertebral Column. They Have Long Been Told. But When They Seek to Function as Their Own Backbone, Why, That's Different—Reputation for Backbone Lost. Satirically Viewed.

The chief efforts of the administration are now devoted to the unpleasant task of explaining to the farmer the reason for the building of the new school upon the present proposed site. I do not wish, in any way to criticize or condemn the board of control...

URGES LEGISLATURE TO ACT... To Permit Board of Control to Use Existing Fund in Part for Site. Portland, Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—As a citizen who is interested in the welfare of the boys of Oregon, I have read with interest the attention of your readers the concern of many people about our new state training school.

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legislation in the United States up to date. A letter, however, was sent to her, Mrs. Harrison in New York, which has had the law two or three years ago. She has nearly a matter with the America people? Fifteen millions ought to be sterilized. With her many millions she is executing that great work.

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