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picturesque regions north and south. Incidentally, the view will leave fees that will help to pay for the bridge.

It has not been long since San Francisco was vastly agitated by a plan for a bridge that should join her to Oakland. That project seems to have gone to sleep. Perhaps the cost was too heavy. Perhaps the engineering difficulties were too great.

Back of all these plans for bridges over San Francisco Bay is an urgent necessity. San Francisco's greatest asset is her ocean side is her heaviest handicap on the land side. The bay joins San Francisco to the ocean, but cuts her off from the land.

San Francisco's "bedroom" is on the north of the bay. Much of the country that feeds San Francisco is north of the bay. She needs for her pressing traffic something quicker and of larger capacity than ferries.

There is nowhere an environment to better stimulate poetry or story or romance than that in Oregon. There is no richer past than those days when Oregon was the last frontier.

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But there are several million people who remember what happened in this country when a European war broke upon the world in 1914. We know something also about what happens when financial, economic and political conditions in Europe are in chaos.

Likewise, we have seen threats of more war. We have heard France talking of invading Germany. We have seen France and England snarling. We have seen the Turks come back after an ignominious defeat.

Had there been a merger of city and county government the whole Lents district could have been drained by the sewer. Service could have been given where it is badly needed and wanted. The burden of expense would have been average householders could have been cut in half.

From time immemorial there has been a jangle and clash of conflicting authority in the administration of county roads within the city. A merger of city and county government would settle these troubles automatically.

San Francisco has a new bridge idea. A famous bridge engineer says he can span Golden Gate. With two towers, each higher than the Eiffel, he opines that he can build a bridge 6700 feet long. It would link San Francisco with the rich country to the north of the bay which is now but partially developed because of uneconomic transportation.

COMMENT OF THE STATE PRESS

A Good Tip From the First Sergeant's Report—Halt Called on Unnecessary Expenditures of Greenery Commission. Clemenceau—Railroads Publicity Campaign—A Boost for the Super-Booster of Oregon—Good Stunt of the American Legion.

Pendleton East Oregonian: The Pendleton post of the American Legion is just one of several patriotic ex-service men's organizations in Pendleton. It attracts a little more than some of the others, perhaps, due to the fact that it is younger and has a membership of about 200 men.

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Twenty Years Ago From The Journal of Dec. 11, 1902. London—Private information from La Guayana states that after landing in force the Anglo-German allies attempted to advance toward Caracas.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

Enlistments have been gradually falling off until it has been deemed economical to discontinue the recruiting office at Eugene.

Logansport, Ind. The community of Silverton have all closed down because of heavy snows in the mountains. The big sawmill will close December 30, for about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Flock of Dee were among those spending the week-end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rogers of Pendleton are among Portland visitors from Umatilla county.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Weaver of Month mouth came to Portland to spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris of Albany are among visitors from the Willamette valley.

G. H. Harvey of Boise, Idaho, is transacting business in Portland.

Lane county visitors to Portland include W. Hayward of Eugene.

J. Trullinger of Astoria is among recent arrivals in the city.

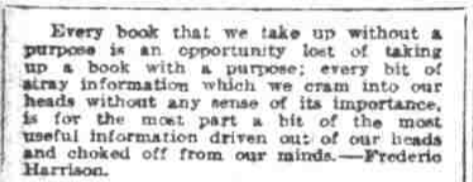
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Perry of Canby are registered at the Imperial.

Among out of town visitors is J. F. Bunch of Coquille.

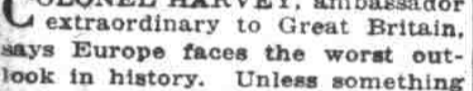
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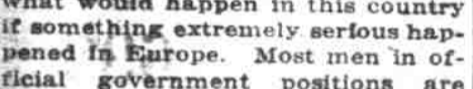
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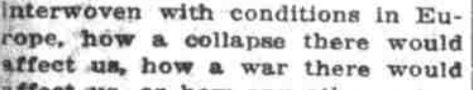
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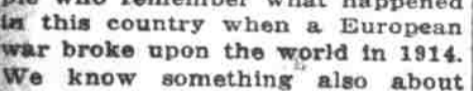
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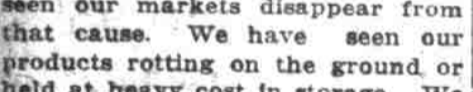
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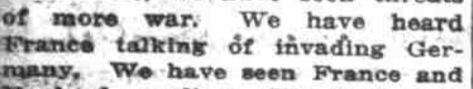
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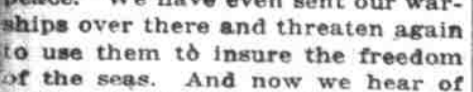
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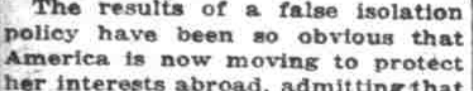
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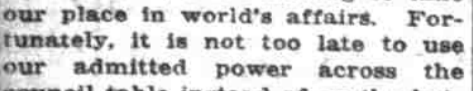
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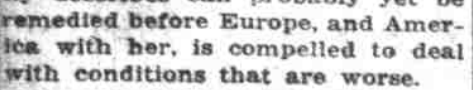
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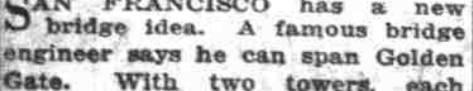
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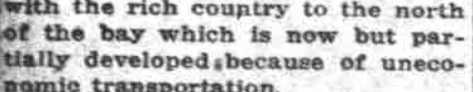
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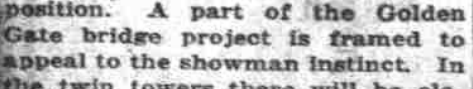
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