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The congress which meets today will have many important questions to consider. The need of currency reform is pressing, and the commercial world will not rest in its efforts until some progress is made in the direction of betterment. The Hawaiian annexation project can be counted upon to consume a good deal of time and oratory, and the decision, all will agree, is an important one, establishing as it does the subsequent policy of the country regarding territorial expansion. The need of a national bankruptcy law is becoming apparent, while we still have left from last session the Cuban matter, which promises to last until the revolutionists are starved to subjection or the Spanish soldiers are all dead from disease.

In addition to these very important questions, another one could be added, which, while it may not be broached at this session of congress, will have to come sooner or later. It is the settled opinion of military experts that the United States should take some steps looking to the increase of our regular army. Nor is this opinion confined to men versed in military matters, it extends to the laity as well. We are living in an intensely practical age; sentiment has its share in controlling actions, but not so much as in former days. It is expediency that directs and decides in this era.

It has been a favorite pastime to revel in the dream of a glorious peace, when all armies are to be disbanded and the ships of the nations dismantled. But such talk is but the stuff that dreams are made of-noth persists in its rollicking, wicked ways of novelties appropriate for the occasion of North Market Dock, Portland, Oregon, and the best goods in general.

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Can America hope always to occupy the isolated position regarding international difficulties as she does today. We see no reason for such assumption. Already we are involved more or less seriously with England regarding northern boundaries, while the antics of some of the hot headed southern republics may make us go to war in defense of our long-cherished Monroe Doctrine. In such event where would be our army of 25,000? Widely scattered over an immense territory, it would be as nothing so far as a substantial defence is concerned.

If America is to keep her place in the procession of nations, she must take heed to those things which are essential to national safety. We would be glad to see congress provide means for increasing the army to at least double its present size.

The Oregonian has begun on what promises to be a crusade against gambling and the infamous practice of the Portland police in protecting

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