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possible factor in production should share them, to the extent indicated by the demand of a shorter working day.

A VEXED QUESTION.

Mr. Walter Wyckoff, whose peculiar method of studying the labor problem has brought him some renown and thrown not a little light upon the labor question, reiterates, in his latest magazine article the statement that there is a reasonably steady demand for labor in the farming regions, even at times when workmen are standing idle in the cities.

UNWRITTEN LAW.

When the National House of Representatives asked President Grant where he had been, he replied, "in the office." It was none of the House's business, and would not have been had he as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy been out of the United States.

A REMARKABLE TRIAL.

The trial of Charles R. Eastman, at Cambridge, Mass., for killing his brother-in-law, Richard Grogan, has terminated in the acquittal of the defendant. Eastman is an educated man, who has charge of the department of vertebrate paleontology in the Agassiz Museum, at Harvard University.

A STRIKE IMMINENT.

The vexed question of ten hours' pay for nine hours' work threatens to cause an extensive strike among machinists and metal-workers in Eastern cities on the 20th of May. It is not amicably settled sooner. The cost of such a strike at this time, not only to labor but to capital, would be enormous.

in his dying words specifically exonerate his brother-in-law, also, in absence of any known motive for hostility, it would not be necessary, from the friendly intimacy of the two men, to say specifically that his shooting was the result of an accident.

STORIES OF THE STOCK PANIC.

Chicago Tribune. NEW YORK, May 8. (Special)—The burden of the layman's tale of today's happenings in Wall street was: "It might have been." There were many persons, male and female, in the Wall-street district today who would have made a million or so if they had only known that one could shake an stick at it.

TEXAS PREACHER ON TRUSTS.

New York Times. Hog is a millionaire, Bailey is an oil king, and Mills is flourishing in sudden opulence, but the voice in Texas that still sings the old song with out deviation from the pitch. It is the voice of Letwithch, the Rev. W. M. Letwithch, of El Paso, who got his boyhood in Texas, and was a member of the Sunday school, and from the pulpit thundered at him a sermon about millionaires and the selfish trusts that multiply in our land.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

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Britain is the real executive of its government, and that the presence or absence of the monarch is a thing of no consequence, since the Prime Minister really governs Great Britain as an executive of the will of Parliament, as our President is of the will of Congress.

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Pittsburg Post. Of all things possible in the future a war between the United States and Germany is the most improbable. The two nations are cemented by a sphere of friendship by the mystic ties of blood relation, the outgrowth of millions of German-born and their descendants in the United States.

FOOLISH TALK OF WAR.

While the outlook for fruit in a few localities, such as in the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon, does not fulfill the promise of blossoming time, reports of orchardists in the main indicate a most abundant yield.

the wild columbine is strongly urged as "a National flower" by the many friends of its whole family from Florida to Maine, from the Rockies to the Pacific Slope.

THE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN OF EUGENE'S PATRIOTIC DEED.

the memorial fountain of Eugene's patriotic deed will be unveiled in that city May 17. We have before spoken of the appropriateness of the memorial that, in enduring granite, will stand in a public square in Oregon's university town, attesting at once the valor and sacrifice of Lane County boys in the far-away islands of the Pacific and the loving remembrance of their friends at home.

ENTERPRISE BEGETS ENTERPRISE.

Citizens of Sellwood made laudable and successful effort to secure the Portland woolen mills. Now come the citizens of Willaburg, an adjoining suburb, offering inducements to the capital to build a fruit cannery near the location which Roosevelt became acting Secretary of the Navy, he managed in a week to send a number of dispatches which made more far-reaching trouble than Secretary Long could cure in a year.

CONNECTICUT JURY DECLINES TO CONVICT A WOMAN OF MURDER.

A Connecticut jury declines to convict a woman of murder in the first degree because the first degree means capital punishment. Yet a Connecticut jury not long ago sent a 15-year-old boy to the penitentiary for the same crime.

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