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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

After something less than five weeks of war the grim German fighting machine has crushed Belgium, the innocent bystander, and smashed its way through massive barriers deep into the heart of France.

The task that confronts Germany before she can lay claim to mastery of the whole situation is a tremendous one. Perhaps it is a far greater one than the German diplomats had counted upon when they cast the German military helmet into the ring.

The campaign in France must continue to claim the largest consideration from the Germans. Whether they intend actually to invest Paris at this time remains to be seen.

The Russian advance, during the past week or ten days, has begun to assume rather serious proportions. While no great progress has been made by Russia in the east, the Russian army has been decisive.

The motion of Representative Underwood to revoke all leaves of absence from sessions of the House and to penalize absentees with loss of pay called forth some protests from Republican members which will not improve their standing in the eyes of the people.

nounced this course unfair to Northern members, both Republican and Democratic, as their primaries are held and as they can go home to vote only at the sacrifice of several days' pay.

WHY TAXES ARE HIGH.

Two years ago the voters rejected a constitutional amendment to create the office of Lieutenant-Governor. The only conceivable reason was that the measure created another salaried state officer. The pay of this new office would have been \$200 each biennially.

Attention is directed to this measure particularly to bring home to the voter the unreasonableness of the drain upon the State Treasury caused by refusal of advocates of this or that measure to accept one verdict by the people in final election.

A HUMOROUS DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. The Democratic convention which nominated General McClellan for President of the United States met at Chicago, on August 24, 1864.

ELIMINATING THE MIDDLEMAN. A correspondent asks The Oregonian to suggest a remedy for the condition by which the lion's share of the retail price of farm and orchard produce goes to the middleman.

The Postoffice Department is endeavoring to extend the usefulness of the parcel post in direct dealing between producer and consumer. At some cities the postmaster is collecting the names of farmers who wish to sell produce in this manner and his list is placed at the service of consumers.

age man, who reduces the available supply by taking eggs off the market when they are abundant and would ordinarily be cheap, and by storing them until a time of scarcity and high prices. If well regulated, cold storage is beneficial in preventing prices from going too low at one time or too high at another.

ANTI-MILITARISM DISCARDED.

A remarkable phase of the present war is the total subsidence of anti-militarism among the radicals of all countries concerned. The Socialists have been preaching the solidarity of the workmen of all nations and their common interest in peace.

Reports of increased number of yearling cattle in Washington indicate that the shortage in the meat supply will cure itself. By eating less veal we help to insure more and therefore cheaper beef in the future.

MILITARISM AND DEMOCRACY. However the present war may end, its progress so far has demonstrated the efficiency of centralized, more or less autocratic power in equipping a nation for war and the relative inefficiency of the nations which have popular rule.

With grain from the United States and the rest of the food supply from Ireland, England will not starve. Perhaps the local "earthquakes" were the passing of very few or very early auto trucks heavily laden.

Chicago does very well in mobilizing 2,500,000. When Newspaper is Not Ordered. TOLEDO, Or., Sept. 1.—(To the Editor.)—When a publisher continues to send his paper beyond the time for which it was ordered and paid for, and without either verbal or written instructions to continue sending it, can he collect the regular subscription price by law?

becomes involved in war with a first power, it usually suffers reverses at the outset, but history records that it then rushes to arms and gives a good account of itself in the end. These nations pay a high price for their unreadiness, and invite attacks which would not be made if they were well armed.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Sept. 7, 1864. We are informed by Senator Pyle of Baker county that Bill Smith, who killed Major Blythe and a man named Van about a month ago near La Grande, arrived at Auburn in charge of the officer who arrested him at Pioneer City, Idaho Territory.

Women succeed very well as playwrights nowadays. A woman won a \$10,000 prize for a play not long ago and another prize of \$1,000. Here, too, our native drama has been an echo of the British and a pretty feeble one. Perhaps now that the women have taken hold of it so vigorously we shall see something more encouraging.

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the protest against suspension of the law requiring steamship officers and engineers on American ships to be Americans ignores the circumstances which prompted passage of the new shipping law. We need ships in a hurry and have the opportunity to take over foreign ships with foreign crews and put them into service in carrying our commerce.

PEN IS INSTRUMENT OF REVENGE

How Clear Might Have Improved "Petrogard" and How Kaiser May Retaliate. HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—And now the Russian peasant must bear "Petrogard" for dear old "St. Petersburg," while we far-off Cousins are made to wonder why Cousin Nicholas didn't let his royal contempt for Cousin William by retaining his big town for himself.

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the resignation of Dr. C. C. Purley from Boise has been tendered and accepted. Sacramento.—The opposition steamer Washoe on her way from San Francisco to Sacramento exploded six miles below Sacramento last night. Of the 150 on board, many of whom were women and girls, only ten were saved. The Washoe sank near shore.

MIDDLEMAN'S PROFITS TOO MUCH

Remedy Sought for Condition Where Producer Gets Little of Price. EUGENE, Or., Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—There has been a great deal of discussion why prices are high. The following will give one reason: Problem: If 57-cent wheat produces \$1.35 flour, why should it wheat produce \$2.40 flour? Answer: "We need money."

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London.—The great London dock strike has practically ended. The handsome and fast steamer Waco was to be sold Tuesday morning by the United States Marshal under Federal Court decree. The Waco was built to run on the Upper Columbia.

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