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all and that by its defeat the war may be sooner ended and commerce may resume its normal course. As Great Britain must be awake to this possibility, there is good ground to expect that our protest backed, as it doubtless will be, by protests of other neutral powers, will have its desired effect.

"INDICATED." The lay mind will have a great deal of difficulty in understanding the merits of the dispute over the Penitentiary revolving fund. The Supreme Court has brought its profound legal acumen to a solution of the problem, and has divided, four to three...

County, is doing everything possible to have the project undertaken. The president of that club, J. R. McKeand, recently spent several days in Portland among the business men, all of whom are enthusiastic for the work to begin. Portland has a large trade in that section; with this project completed it would have ten times as much.

Half a Century Ago From The Oregonian, December 30, 1864. Major-General Phil Sheridan, who is just now a "particularly bright star" in the military firmament, was stationed at Fort Yamhill, in Oregon, about 60 miles south of Portland, for four or five years before the present conflict broke out...

NO CURE-ALL FOR SOCIAL EVIL Religion Most Potent Preventive, but It Can Only Be Curtailed. PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—The social evil question is always interesting and useful to study. I favor the views of "A Penitent" over those of Mr. Heckethorn, both of which recently appeared in The Oregonian...

Twenty-Five Years Ago From The Oregonian, December 29, 1889. Nearly 2000 people saw the glove contest between James J. Corbett, of San Francisco, and Dave Campbell, of Portland, last night at Mechanics Pavilion. Referee Donaldson declared it a draw, although it was the general opinion that it was Campbell's victory...

OUR RIGHTS AS A NEUTRAL. President Wilson's protest to Great Britain against unreasonable search, seizure and detention of ships, cargoes and crews will receive the united approval of the American people. The United States has suffered directly enough damage from a war which is not its fault, without being injured indirectly through international lawlessness and foreign commerce by belligerents.

REAPPORTIONMENT DIFFICULTIES. The Oregonian is in accord with the opinions expressed by Mr. Davey in his letter today on reapportionment to the extent that it believes that in one of the houses of the Legislature every county should have an individual member. This opinion The Oregonian has expressed numerous times. But it is likely that a reapportionment can be adopted at the coming session of the Legislature.

TAKE SALT WITH THEM. It was a harrowing story that a resident of Eugene, Or., received in a somewhat roundabout way, about the fate of a prisoner of war in Europe. This prisoner, who had been fighting with the allies, was captured by the Germans. As the story runs, he was taken to a concentration camp where he was treated as a prisoner of war.

LESS THEORY; MORE BENEFITS. Work of Commonwealth Conference Thought Misdirected, by Writer. HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—While attending a dairyman's meeting at Junction I ran up to Eugene and took in a little of the Commonwealth Conference. We dairy-men have had a hard time to connect our business and market outlets under all the provisions of the laws.

Company C First Oregon Infantry, was mustered into service at Salem, December 27, and passed through this city yesterday on its way to Vancouver, Wash. The company is composed of 100 men, and is officered as follows: Captain, C. P. Crandall; Lieutenant, Thomas Reynolds; Second Lieutenant, Charles H. Rowland; First Lieutenant, Charles H. Rowland.

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Miss Emily Bauer is visiting her parents in Walla Walla for a few days. The engagement of Dr. Otto Binswanger and Miss Guda Braverman, of San Francisco, is announced. Present Apportionment Unfair Mr. Davey Points Out Surveys of 1890 Representation of Eastern Oregon.

There is a constitutional limitation on the membership of each house. It is not expressing a desire for greater representation, but merely stating a mathematical fact which it is said that Multnomah County does not have representation in the House in proportion to its population. But to give Multnomah larger representation would deprive some of the counties of their right of direct representation, and, as Mr. Davey says, at a time when they need it most.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT. General Sherman's Christmas present to President Lincoln fifty years ago was the city of Savannah. He had actually gained possession of the city on December 21, but having no direct wire to the north, he could only send the news indirectly and it reached Washington some days after its date.

Kind and thoughtful Italians. Not only do they build our railroads, keep our shoes polished, our stomachs filled with peanuts and our souls thrilled with music, but now they offer to protect us from the maniac Turk. Verily, this is almost too much.

Mr. Bryan declares with great emphasis that there is no truth in the report that he will retire. Yet in spite of his denials we feel entirely justified in predicting his retirement some two years hence.

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Every reasonable effort has been made by the United States Government to satisfy Great Britain of the fact that the neutral ships have not been diverted from their course, and their cargoes seized, while ships bound for Scandinavia have not been molested.

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It has been agreed that a British Consul's certificate that a ship manifest should be accepted as proof of the character of the cargo, but ships having such certificates have nevertheless been detained. Either the British government has not lived up to its agreement, or the British Consul's certificate is not accepted by the Admiralty.

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