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STARVATION AS A WEAPON.

Britain's action in following up the German government's seizure of the empire's food supply by declaring foodstuffs absolute contraband and Germany's threat to retaliate by destroying merchant ships destined to British ports are accepted as evincing a plain purpose by each to reduce the other to submission by starvation. This is a resort to an old method of warfare, which was pursued not only in barbarous times, but so recently as the Civil War. Napoleon sought by the Berlin decree forbidding commerce with Britain to cripple his rethe sea Britain profited as much as blockade of Southern ports and Sherman's seizure or destruction of crops on his murch to the sea were designed

to starve out the Confederacy. Germany makes a much nearer approach than Britain to producing her own food supply, for the latter counimports from America and Russia, the maintain the patronage status quo, The restrictions on food people, August. consumption, the regulations requiring that bread be made of a mixture of wheat, rye and potato flour and finally the government confiscation of food and the law as to public distribelief that actual famine was in sight unless supplies were most carefully husbanded.

These measures are, however, re-

bumper crop of potatoes—80,000,000 theory of proportional representation. tons-and the use of the potato to make alcohol may be curtailed except of the labor and prohibition organizanot run short unless the allies invade have come to be regarded as necessaries, but Mr. Mason's judgment is as Legislator, a non-resident of a probably sound when he says that, district. unless calamity befalls the crops or her territory is invaded, "it is diffibrought to terms by lack of food."

With Great Britain it is far differher food supply, she relies on her entire membership of the House? navy to escape starvation. She imports not only 106,000,000 hundred-weight of wheat a year, but a very weight of wheat a year, but a very large proportion of her mest and Black Seas, and the Archangel route ly. alone is open. Were all the public opinion that those merchants the British nation to such straits in while to do so. What our contributor 1810, when it controlled the sea and has to say about the slack methods

markets and by destroying its by farmers if proper pains are taken ficit the first year. But nothing of This, in a large measure, to instruct them. can strike at German military effi-ciency a more deadly blow, for it cuts tion meetings for the diffusion of petroleum from over-sea and the Rus- He can promote farmers' institutes new cannery. But two other gains trian province. Germany has been ricultural college. Through these growing more dependent on manuagencies the habits of the farmers factures and commerce from year to have been transformed in many neighyear, the percentage of the population borhoods. From thriftless and wastehave been driven from the ocean, and profited by the happy change. the British patrol of the sea is so nothing short of a calamity that the

band can reach her in neutral ships. be prompted not so much by the ne-cessity of securing food imports for transfer of these crafts to the cities. Hungary, the great granary of Cen- tal. In order to accomplish this lead-Russians, and when Germany may be shall we look for leadership but to able to dispose of all as it matured called upon to feed not only her own the country merchants? If they will and at remunerative prices. Next people, but those of her ally. By re- take the initiative to build up co-oper- year the cannery will do a heavier meditation—the four stages of law, | given as 59,

transports carrying troops and sup- the storekeeper. They will again beplies to France, to inflict the same come the fast friends they were in paralysis on British industry as Brit- the good old times instead of mutually building and happier homes. ain has inflicted on hers and to make suspicious foes. We differ decidedly John Bull feel the same pinch which from our contributor's judgment that forts introduced. Do not let us forshe feels. Germany may hope to de- farmers "cannot have meat-packing get the fine lesson to be drawn from stroy so many of Britain's warships establishments or creameries." They that the two navies will be about can have both and actually do have equally matched in battle. If by means of submarines she can prove in many parts of the United Staes. In the nappy experience of Newberg. What has been done there can be done elsewhere. It requires nothing more than the same spirit of honest cobattleships worthless for defense, she Wisconsin, for instance, the farmers' cannot win naval supremacy herself, creameries control the dairy situation but she may prove the naval supremary almost entirely. But we need not go and handle problems. great ships would be at the mercy of Tillamook County furnishes a perfect the much smaller, cheaper and hidden one nearer home. The farmers' coubmarine.

experience of the last six months to devise some effective means of ward- of the necessity for the farmer to ing off submarine attacks and of taking the offensive against under-water by her successful raids into Belgium and Germany. It may be that behind her movements she has prepared a take in founding co-operative marketsurprise equal to that which Germany has given by her big guns and her ocean-going submarines.

NOW AND THEN. The present Legislature, with only a few days more until adjournment, is committed to a policy of economy and administrative reform. The outlook for redemption of pledges for stand the signs of the times have won lower direct appropriations is good; but the plan, or the several plans, for consolidation of boards, or depart-

ments, is in danger. It cannot be possible that the Legis. lature has fallen victim to the blandishments of the Statehouse machine lentless enemy, but through control of The associated job-holders and fatfryers, who are for the most part did France, although food rose to al- holdovers from the recent adminismost famine prices in England in tration, are interested chiefly in them-1810-11. During the Civil War the selves. The Legislature ought not to listen to them, but to the oppressed and discouraged taxpayers.

When the Legislature adjourns, pull and all the survivors of a try provides only about one-fourth of hybrid political reign, a great its needs from its own soil. It has been chuckle will go up from the triumphestimated that, owing to the short ant Statehouse ring. It will find a crop of cereals in Germany and Hun- noisy echo in the bogus "non-partigary in 1914 and to the stoppage of san" press, which stands in now to Chamber of Commerce; but The Oreempire's supply of this class of food and which will later be the loudest would be exhausted by May, while the and harshest critic of the Legislature It must not be, if the largest interest new crop will not be harvested until for its failure to keep faith with the

GOES TOO FAR.

The Prohibition State Committee and the Oregon State Federation of button have appeared to confirm the Labor have collaborated to produce a new amendment to the state constitu- avenue through which all Portland tion which it is designed shall combine the incongruous principles proportional representation and local todian for the collection and expendigarded by Gregory Mason in the Out- (or district) representation in the look as simply "a piece of the con-summate foresight all along charac-the risk of incurring the renewed teristic of a people whose ruling gods wrath of certain sectional critics, who are the gods of preparedness and efficiency." He reminds us that "wheat bread is not the national bread of Germany"; that "the German finds in the Legislature, by reaffirming its public demand. rye bread more appetizing" and that oft-expressed opinion that there ought the potato, of which Germany raises to be a legislative reapportionment, more than any other country in the world, makes up the shortage of these tion, such as is now suggested; but it cereals. In 1914 Germany had a cannot subscribe to this particular The joint constitutional enterprise

for automobile fuel in place of gasoline. Germany has produced twice as in the Legislature, but cuts the much beet sugar as she needs, and, ground out from under that comher exports being stopped, can sow mendable proposal by giving the voter the surplus land with grain. One- in one part of the state the right to third of the population is agricultural, determine who shall go to the Legisand the women and boys can take the lature from any other part. In other places of men on the farm. Intensive words, Portland electors may vote for agriculture has reached its highest the Klamath County Representative, development in Germany, and during or vice versa. It might easily happen the present emergency every patch of that a large majority of Klamath soil will be brought into use. Ger- County would favor one candidate many has plenty of flesh food, has but another would be elected through exported beef in recent years and will outside votes. Indeed, the design of the amendment is to achieve such a her territory, seize the supplies and result. It will be possible, moreover, lay waste the country. She will have by a combination of prohibition, or to dispense with some luxuries which Socialist, or other votes of any particular political group or party, to elect

We wonder if the proponents of this measure have considered the recult to see how she can ever be sults, if the state is to be divided into sixty Representative districts on the basis of population? Is it the Producing only one-fourth of tion to give Multnomah one-third the

In the letter referring to the relaother food products. The war has cut tions between farmers and country off the supply of wheat which came merchants which is printed today, from Russia through the Baltic and one point is stated a little too positive-The Oregonian did not adopt the and noblemen's parks and game pre- "controlled by large central combinaserves applied to production of grain tions." It merely mentioned a comand meat, the British Isles could not mon belief of that import. Of course produce nearly enough food for their the belief may be groundless, but own population. Since Napoleon with many facts could be adduced to suphis embargo on commerce brought port it if anybody thought it worth could draw on all countries except of many farmers in preparing their Europe, and had only 15,000,000 peo-ple, to how much severer straits would Their butter is often rancid or worse, it be brought in 1915 if it lost control their eggs unsightly and occasionally of the sea and were thrown entirely addled, and their bacon unskillfully on its own resources with 45,000,000 cured and wrapped. The farmers commit these faults for two reasons. A British blockade of Germany The first is that they have never been probably cannot reduce that coun- taught better. The second, that they try to starvation, but can reduce it do not understand the advantages of nery started out with moderate expecto poverty by cutting off its sup- expert preparation for market. These tations. They would have been satisraw materials and its indispensable lessons can be learned

has already been done. The blockade Here the local merchant can be off the supply of copper, rubber and knowledge about practical affairs. sian occupation of Galicia deprives and lend his aid to bring to the com-Germany of petroleum from that Aus- munity expert lecturers from the agengaged in those occupations having ful pessimists they have become comgrown from 45 in 1882 to 56 in 1907, petent men of business and naturally Her commerce is dead, for her ships the local merchants have greatly efficient that scarcely any contra- arts of butter-making, curing bacon and the like should have been per-Germany's determination to attack mitted to decay in rural communities British commerce seems, therefore, to Both the farmers and the country herself as by the desire to prevent All that is required to restore them most of which must have seemed to their reaching her enemy. Germany where they preperly belong is conperhaps looks ahead to the time when centration of rural effort and capitral Europe, may be overrun by the ership is indispensable and where tables rotted on the ground they were

operative creameries and cheese fac-It is inconceivable that the British tories have solved the market prob-Our contributor makes a great point "learn to prepare his produce." hits the nail on the head every time ing establishments. Upon co-opera tion the welfare of the country merchant and the farmer absolutely depend. There is no other way out of their mutual difficulties. The day of individualism has not passed more utterly in the great corporate industries of the country than it has on the farm and in the country store. The farmers and merchants who underprosperity already. The others will win it when they open their eyes to the handwriting on the wall,

CONSOLIDATION AGAIN

Mr. Chapman has resigned as pubicity manager of the Commercial Club, after five years of valuable and energetic service. It is due him to say that he attained a high mark of achievement for the club, and for Portland and Oregon, and that his place will not be easy to fill.

Perhaps, indeed, the club will not undertake to find another Chapman. It may be just as well, for the club is on the eve of reorganization, and it leaving on the pay-roll all the ought not to be embarrassed or hinbeneficiaries of strong political dered by consideration of the claims or merits of individual seekers for his place until its plans for the future are fully matured.

Not much has been heard lately about the proposal for consolidation of the Commercial Club and the gonian assumes that the project has not been dropped. It should not be. of Portland is to be considered and the sentiment of the community is to be consulted.

The requirement of the times is for one great central organization, which shall have control of all unofficial public activities. It should be the should find voice in important matters, and it should be the one custure of funds subscribed for public enterprises of every sort.

The Oregonian feels justified in saying that consolidation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club, with an added plan of close cooperation with lesser bodies, is a real

PREPARE FOR FAIR CROWDS.

The rush from the East to the San Francisco and San Diego expositions has begun. On one day twenty trains, carrying over 3000 persons and having a total length of nearly two miles, arrived in Los Angeles, and on the next son's Chicago Mayoralty campaign. day about the same number of persons rrived on trains and on the steamship Great Northern, on their way in an airship. north or south.

Portland and return East by one of Belgium. the northern routes. The movement to and from the fairs will be at its height when the Rose Festival begins and will bring to Portland a number of visitors unexampled in the city's history. These people will be well-to-do, with good taste for an artistic pageant, with money to spend while here and with praise to distribute when they go home. Their influence will go far to bring people of substance to Oregon to aid in the work of develop-

For these reasons the 1915 Rose Festival should excel all others in if they wrote otherwise. splendor, taste and smoothness of arrangement. The city should look its best, the growl of pessimism should be should take its place. Our solid new and through the county should be of this Nation. ready for the visitors' use. Many of our visitors will be people who have been accustomed to make the European tour every Summer; they will be making their first tour of the West. style of catering peculiar to countrie which depend largely on tourists. We must strive, by the perfection of our entertainment and by the agreeable novelty of all that we set before them, to wean them from Europe and to convince them that the American West is unexcelled in its resources for giving pleasure in every form to thos who seek it in travel

THE NEWBERG CANNERY, The record of the Newberg Cannery Association for the season just closed is full of encouragement for growers who think of undertaking a similar enterprise. The founders of the canthat sort happened. On the contrary it showed at the annual stockholders meeting a net profit of some \$3000 This was excellent when we consider the difficulties which always beset a still more important are mentioned in the Newberg Enterprise's account of the stockholders' meeting. The first, and probably the most important, is the establishment of a reliable market for the output of the cannery. This is always found to be difficult and sometimes impossible. The want of a near market has wrecked more budding canneries than all other cause combined. The second gain to which we have referred was "a year's experi-

This is of course invaluable To the farmers around Newberg the establishment of a cannery on a sound basis means lasting prosperity. Summer it paid to growers \$24,454, them like cash rained down from the skies. Instead of looking sorrowfully on while their fruit, berries and vege-Next

lentlessly using the latest means of ative industries for their neighbor- business and naturally will pour still warfare both under the sea and in the hoods we shall soon hear the last of more money into the neighborhood. This means a vital impulse to all good work. It implies better schools, a more prosperous church, more road Mortgages will be lifted and fresh comthe happy experience of Newberg. operation, the same common sense, the same courage to meet difficulties

"Commerce Reports" is the name of a daily publication by the Department of Commerce. In the main it is reliable in its statements, but there is Admiralty has not profited by the lem for the dairymen of that section. occasional lapse, For example: In the issue of February 10 appears a statement of wheat reports from Port-He land for one week in which the figures are correct, but the "story" bears craft. Britain so far has proved her- he mentions it, but he fails to appre-self a match for Germany in the air ciate the part the country merchant From Seattle." As only people in the must take in educating the farmer, trade get the publication, no harm is Particularly does he fail to appreciate done to Portland, and Seattle, which the veil of secrecy which has shielded the part the country merchant must is in the chicken feed business, has opportunity for silent swell with pride.

The French are learning hygien from the war. One soldier wrote afraid." home from the trenches that, to his wonder, he had found the night air perfectly wholesome. He therefore advised his wife to open her bedroom windows. The superstition that night air is poisonous is intimately conwith the miasma-breeding mosquito.

If the bill introduced in the Legislature requiring newspapers to print nothing but the truth about candidates for effice about become a law some candidates will likely stand a mighty slim chance of election. Something might be published about some candidates that wouldn't look well in print and still be the truth.—Brownsville Times. In its infinite wisdom the Legislature killed the bill. The state has

been saved a great scandal.

Small crops this Summer in the United States would mean famine in Europe and great hardship at home, Publicists urge the farmers to plant as much land as they can, Prices are sure to be remunerative. A good growing season might bring a compe tence to those who can farm on the large scale.

People who think of "going into chickens" this Spring should think over one or two points before making the plunge. Eggs tend to be cheap, while all kinds of feed grow steadily dearer. The poultry business is full of promise to one who can raise all his feed, but otherwise the outlook is gloomy.

The Scientific American says a submarine can be detected at great depths from an acroplane 3000 feet in the air. Hence the obvious defence against the monsters is an air fleet to signal their presence. They can be easily shunned when their whereabouts is known.

The gunpointer of the Texas who made eight straight hits with his fourteen-inch "baby" at a moving target twelve miles away is commend. ed to attention of rulers of foreign navies that essay to have a "go" with this country. There are more of them, too.

The fun-makers who prattled about the grave possibilities for wives and husbands to get at sword points over politics must find consolation in Mrs. Carter Harrison's decision to take the stump in the interest of Mr. Harri-

The King of Belgium takes a ride Under the circumstances the feat is not half so daring These facts are important to Port- as others the undaunted ruler has land, for a large proportion of these essayed recently. The air is really as visitors to California will come to safe a place to be as the ground-in

> During the Russo-Japanese war ome of the braver would attempt to pronounce the long jaw-breaker names. But now when the fighting gets around Poland and Galicia the bravest are ashamed to make the

Editors of German newspapers who say this country cannot fight theirs show the right spirit. Would anybody have them admit defeat at the outset? They would not be patriotic Germans Why a meritorious employe of the

Posteffice Department should be desilenced and the smile of optimism barred from promotion annually is one of the problems that can be conhighways up and down the Columbia ceived only in the brain of a Senator Ricotti Garibaldi's opinion that

Italy is bound to enter the war should be taken cum grano salis. Garibaldi tribe love a fight too well to They will have been accustomed to a form sound judgments upon such The man who in middle life said

the reason he did not drink was because he hogged more than his share in his youth can give pointers to the bibulous during the next ten months. William will not be able to find a

etter man for Ambassador than Von Bernstorff, who handled a trying situation remarkably well. The Cincinnati saloon men are wearing a button "Give Us a Rest." In a good many cities after January

1 they will get it, no doubt, Kellaher had the courage of his convictions like the boy who demonstrated he could tickle the hind foot

One of the beauties of civil service shown in the juggle by which the City Commissioners get the secretaries they want.

Judge Stevenson's ruling against

of a mule.

Sunday liquor-selling in clubs destroys the last hope of temporary relief on a There is real news, if true, in the dispatch that an Austro-Hungarian

army defeated a body of Russians. Jitney autos and jitney boats are slow. Produce the jitney air-

Wilson, that's all, isn't a very good stimulant for Congressmen these days. Editor.)—Will you please tell me how The Scandinavian kingdoms are not

mighty, though more or less "fighty." We should worry over what has beome of the "I Should Worry" Club.

Agitation, delegation, legislation,

Half a Century Ago

(From The Oregonian Feb. 17, 1865.) inder the caption, "The country merchant does the New York World, writing recently from a personal interview, speaks of the sterling General as being of medium height, compactly built, very active and with gray, expressive eyes, set in a face not handsome. The eyes gleam with fascinating humor or savage fire as the occasion provokes. The General habitually wears a full dress frock coat. Further, the correspondent says: "Did I say General Sheridan swore? There may as well be a clean breast of it. He certainly has an opulent store of oaths—the richest, raciest oaths that ever cursed a laggard line of infantry or damned a cavalry squadron on the country merchant and the farmer," you state that the Employ and leader of the English proletarians, in an interchant does not by the large central combinations. I have been a country merchant for the last 25 years, and want to tell you that you are entirely mistaken on that point. The reason we country merchants cannot and do we country merchants cannot and do we country merchant sent of the farmers produce to any extent is the fault of the force coat. Further, the correspondent says: "Did I say General Sheridan swore? There may as well be a clean breast of it. He critaling that the reason the country merchant does not the last 25 years, and want to tell you that you are entirely mistaken on that point. The reason that same light as I view yeeterday said: "I am a Socialist to the bone and look upen the concerning the Employer and country we estend and the farmer," you state that the reason the country merchant does not the last 25 years, and want to tell you that you are entirely mistaken on that point. The reason that the Employer is to the bone and look upen the concerning to the country merchants cannot and do the country merchants cannot and do the property of the farmer. I have taken hundreds of the dock strikes and look upen the concerning to the English project we yesterday said: "I am a Socialist to the because the tentral point of the English of the English of the

wealth shall continue, a period will arrive in the year 1900 when an as-sessment on the property of the whole untry of one and one-sixteenth hunthe whole debt. am sure we do not yet need to be

A good deal of fun is being had over ne nonarrival of General Sickles in San Francisco, as the committee had made arrangements to receive him handsomely. On going aboard the On going aboard handsomely. steamer to greet him, the citizens found e had never intended to come to California.

Themas Hardy, late of Copperopolis, and part owner of the Union copper mine, from which he recently sold out, last Saturday contributed \$5000 to the Sanitary Fund. Abernethy & Herr, 134 Front street, have received a new, improved, self-

adjusting clothes wringer, which was awarded the first premium at the Ore-gon State Fair in 1864. The wringer is being displayed at their store.

James E. Carlisle and Miss Louisa B. Storey were married February 12

MILTON AND THE "SPRING SONG" Mendelssohn Wrote Music for Poet's W. H. H. Dufur Says Oregon Should Words Belleves This Student.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16 .- (To the Edi-

Cabinet Officers and Precedence. he list of Cabinet officers, according

Secretary of State, William J. Bryan;
Secretary of Treasury, William Gibbs
McAdoo; Secretary of War, Lindley M.
Garrison; Attorney - General, Thomas
Watt Gregory; Postmaster-General, A.
S. Burleson; Secretary of Navy, Josephus Daniels; Secretary of the Interior, Franklin Knight Lane; Secretary of Commerce, William C.
Redfield; Secretary of Labor Will.

Join in Practical Work.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Edinking the liquor traffic to any extension from time to time, communication in the period of the permit importation, for the present its permit importation, for the present its permit importation, for the permit importation for would not seem right to us to legalize any particular shipment by specifying to a length of the permit importation for the permit importation f Redfield; Secretary of Labor, William of it all?"
Bauchop Wilson.

If Messrs. Murphy.

partment of War, and the Department held aloof. of the Interior was created from the State Department. It is obvious there is no natural order of precedence, and prior to 1886 there was no legal disyear the succession of the members of the Cabinet to the Presidency in the expressions of loyalty coming from syent of death or disability. crimination between them. But in that event of death or disability of the President and Vice-President was established by act of Congress in the order named above.

many letters, words, verses, chapters and books there are in the Bible? MARTHA STRUVE.

There are 66 books in the Old and New Testaments. There are 1189 chapters, 31,173 verses, 773,692 words and 3,567,189 letters, according to one statistician. The number of authors is

WHERE THE FARMER LOSES OUT Country Merchant Tells Why There Is Lack of Trading Co-operation.

oaths that ever cursed a laggard line of infantry or damned a cavalry squadron on to a sweeping charge."

In the course of one of his sermons recently Henry Ward Beecher, speaking on the National debt, said: "Admir at the end of this war the debt shall reach three thousand millions. If the ratio of increase of population and of wealth shall continue, a period will

All such.
You say the farmer is compelled to send his produce to the city. True enough, but in what shape? He sends cream not butter, hogs not bacon. In the large centers you have creathat send out butter that is preatly and is sweet and void on the treathat that that send out butter that is put up neatly and is sweet and void of that baby odor; bacon is cured that looks good to eat, and we can sell it.

But few country merchants can have meat packing establishments or a creamery, therefore we cannot handle the farmer learns to prepire his produce so we can handle it we will most assuredly give him the preference when it comes to buying, and then will brother Burleson's pet idea of parcel post marketing also work.

We admit that the mail order houses can and do sell some articles cheaper than we do or can. But why? The mail order man gets cash in advance; he does not take produce, not he. It must be cash or the goods don't go.

The farmer comes to us when he does not have the cash and is highly offended if he is refused credit.

Half the time the farmer does not the goods have from the mail order

include the transportation charges on the goods he huys from the mail order house which, if added, would in many instances make the cost more than we would seek for the cost more than the cost mo

at the residence of the bride's father in Washington County. W. B. Chatfield.

Justice of the Peace, officiated.

The Stock and Exchange Board have effected a temporary organization by the selection of Harrison Olmstead president and Ben L. Norden secretary.

Instances make the cost more than we would ask for the goods.

In conclusion let me say, that when In conclusion the same the country merchant adopts the same

Selze Opportunity Now at Hand.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16 .- (To the impressions of Mendelssohn's Song without words, No. 30, his melodious "Spring Song." The music seems to have been written for the heautiful words from Milton's Paradise Lost, from Book IV, beginning with the 241st line and ending with the 268th line; they harmonize so exquisitely that I cannot resist my impression that Mendelssohn was inspired by those lines.

Secretly working to hold up the leasing on Course of Liquor Legislation.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial Menday, under the same of our wise solons at Salem are lending their assistance to the crims lending their assistance to the crims of the wets" and the "ultra-drya" company representing millions of a company representing the people calls for a few words from this committee.

To one who has followed the meaning of those salt takes to the Jason Moore of those salt takes to the Jason Moore of Liquor Legislation.

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To one who has followed the meaning millions of the words from Duty." in which you refer to the crims of the meaning millions of the state Land Board for this lease. Editor.)—Is it possible some one is secretly working to hold up the leasing they harmonize so exquisitely that it cannot resist my impression that Mendelsoohn was inspired by those lines when he wrote his Spring Song. If this is not true, it should have been in the composed may be an opinion and harmonious that so of the state that the committee of the Mendelsoohn has made the pipings of Pan so plain and harmonious that so of Mendelsoohn has made the pipings of Pan so plain and harmonious that so provided the pipings of Pan so plain and harmonious that so provided the pipings of the break their quire applying the small of field and grove." and you can see the wood hymphs 'Knit with the graces and the eternal Spring."

And if seems probable that this may be true, since he composed the music for shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream." His trips to England were many and always very enjoyable to him. He made a successful study of the English language the provided that be the committee of the English language to the composers, did not confine him ewily made friends. It is a known fact that Mendelssohn used his influence to secure the production of the music witten by a less popular composer for Milton's 'Morning Hymn' at the Setsival of Cologne.

We find that Mendelssohn, unlike the state of the state publicly through the composers, did not confine him he was a painter of confine him self to music alone. We know that he was a painter of considerable ability and his literary efforts deserved at high rank level of the great epic were a favorite study of Mendelssohn. All must agree that he has simply reproduced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in music what Milton produced in words—design the produced in music what Milton produced in music what Milt and has complied with their require-ments even to depositing the amount

GRAVEL FORD, Or., Feb. 15.—(To be Editor.)—Kindly publish once more Englishman Suggests Irish-Americans

As acts speak louder than words, even now we Englishmen would re-joice if these our Irish-American brethren would join us in our attempt to help the cause of the mother coun-ery. Until this happens the lovel Petr with

the meaning of it all?"

J. B. COURTNEY.

"Spite" Fence Limitations.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—There was an ordinance passed several months ago regulating "spite" fences. Please tell me the effect of the ordinance.

Also, by the ordinance do all fences already built have to be cut down to five feet?

The ordinance prohibits the construction of or the maintenance of a fence more than five feet high except around a storage yard or an amusement park. This is interpreted to mean that fences higher than five feet could be ordered cut down to five feet.

Facts About the Bible.

SHERWOOD, Or., Feb. 16.—(To the Editor.)—For the information of "Old Subtor.)—For the inform Another Book Suggested.

Location of Mints.

BUXTON, Or., Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me through the columns of The Oregonian where are located the mints of the United States.

The mints are located at Carson City, Nev., New Orleans, Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Twenty-five Years Ago

(From The Oregonian Feb. 17, 1885.)

General Sheridan was 33 years old under the caption, "The country merchant and the farmer," you state that the English proletarians, in an interchant and the farmer," you state that

Floyd Boswell, a young man who was injured by falling on a broken side-walk at Milton, Or., settled with that city for \$4000,

There is considerable speculation as to what use the Holten House will be put after Mr. Perkins lease expires which will be October 1. It is not thought likely that the Holten will re-When main a hotel

> The O. C. Social Club, an organization of amateurs in East Portland, will give its first entertainment tonight. A musical, literary and dramatic programme will be offered. "The Last Leaf" will be the play. Among those who will participate will be Messrs. Oscar Horne Philip Brady, Harry Dempsey, Phil Kelly, P. F. Blake, Louis Henrys, J. H. Cass, the Misses Margaret Carroll, Lizzie Dove and Dolly Sperry and Mesdames Kelly and Westlake.

Mrs. Langtry, the actress, has reces ered enough from her attack of laryn-

Mrs. Jefferson Davis hopes to com

LAKE LEASE DELAY IS LAMENTED. A. Randall and Mr. A. Fraser the booby

DRYS' ATTITUDE IS SET FORTH Prohibition State Secretary Comments

As a matter of fact this committee would greatly prefer if the subject of the amount of liquer permitted to be shipped in had been left entirely alone, for we decidedly object to recognizing the liquer traffic to any extent

Bauchop Wilson.

The above list is in order of their creation, and likewise of their succession in the event of disability or death of both the President and the Vice-President. The Departments of State, Treasury and War were the three originally established. The Attorney-General later was added to the Cabinet, being detached from the judicial department sufficiently to become a Presidential advisor. The Navy Department was later created out of the Department of War, and the Department of War, and the Department to Cambridge and the Cabinet, being detached from the judicial department of War, and the Department to Department of War, and the Department to Cabinet, being detached from the judicial department of War, and the Department to Department was later created out of the Department of War, and the Department to Cabinet, being detached from the judicial department of War, and the Department to Department was later created out of the Department of War, and the Department to Department to Cabinet, being detached from the judicial department of War, and the Department to Department was later created out of the Department of War, and the Department to Departmen OSWEGO, Or., Feb. 14.—(To the Editor.)—I see by The Oregonian, February 12, that Mr. Daly says that the tenant can make application for sprinkling and, if said tenant does not pay for use of same, the owner must. I would like The Oregonian's opinion on this question. In my opinion I think, should Mr. Daly try to make the owner from the tenant in case we fall to pay Please let us have your opinion on this question. A PROPERTY-OWNER.

Our correspondent has rightly under stood the effect of Mr. Daly's order, but he was given authority to issue it by the water ordinance which the people approved at the election last Pall. The rith some suspicion.

Again I ask the question. "What is could probably be resisted only by suit for injunction to prevent the city from shutting off the water or, if the water has already been shut off, by suit for mandamus to compel the city to turn t on, when the owner of property refused to pay for water used by the ten

What Advertising Did for Furniture

Thirty-five years ago practically no furniture was sold in February Furniture factories were shut lown four months in the year,

Now more furniture is sold it February than in two ordinary months, and furniture factories are busy the year around What made the change: Aggressive merchandising and igorous newspaper advertising.

It is a healthy change, a change that has benefited manufacturer, retailer and consumer.

It is also a remarkable evidence of the potential force of newspape advertising.