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modities and the general paralysis of foreign commerce which immediately followed the outbreak of war. Only by persistently building up foreign trade that is not dependent on the abnormal demand created by the war can we overcome the adverse effects of the Underwood tariff and maintain permanently a favorable balance of trade.

the condition to which the war has reduced the world.
Montana was just such a state as Mr. Balfour imagines when the outlaws spread terror. There being no law, the vigilantes rose up on behalf of the innocent against the criminals and established law by superior force, which was the only means by which law could be established.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
From The Oregonian of April 18, 1890.
Washington—Dr. Mary Walker, who has been suffering from injuries received in a fall, May 30 last, will never be able to use her limbs again it is feared, and she has about given up hope ever of leading the active life that she has been accustomed to.

MR. NELSON AND KANSAS CITY
How Editor Awakened Community Interest and Caused Civic Revolution.
STEVENSON, Wash., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—I was greatly interested in your editorial, April 14 on the petition to Kansas City of the late William B. Nelson, of the Kansas City Star.

Half a Century Ago
From The Oregonian, April 19, 1865.
True to the reckless and suicidal policy that has actuated it from the first, rebellion has complicated its own fate by its last dastardly act—one that will forever render its history accursed among men.

TO REDEEM OREGON.
The Oregonian has never held a strong expectation that intervention at this late day by the State of Oregon through its Attorney-General in the land grant forfeiture case would influence the character of the decree to be handed down by the Supreme Court.

What would have been the verdict had it been dry goods expelled from Copperfield can be imagined without difficulty. And in truth there was about as good a reason for closing our eyes to a good story as there was for drying of the saloons in that manner.

"STAY ON THE FARM."
When Governor Withycombe in his speech to the Senate last Saturday said "Instead of 'back to the farm,' the injunction should be 'stay on the farm,'" he was speaking from a wealth of information gathered during his long connection with the Oregon Agricultural College.

Wednesday evening a surprise party was tendered Miss Minnie Parker at the residence of John Parker at Broadway avenue. A most delightful evening was spent in dancing, cards and social conversation.

Phil Metcalf, the candidate for Treasurer, will pass a few days in town, getting acquainted before he returns to Baker.
San Francisco—Jack McAuliffe, the lively lightweight, has met his match in the little bantam champion, Dan Curran, at the Oregon Athletic Club.

The bill granting Congressional aid for the construction of the Oregon and California Railroad passed the House of Representatives a short time prior to the adjournment of Congress. No action has been taken in the Senate.

The attention of intervention has produced exclamations of horror from the outfit that was back of the discredited attempt to deny the present generation right to build industries on or otherwise develop overflown lands; it has brought outburst of any kind legitimate means to bring the hamstring condition of Oregon to the attention of National authorities and to the people of the state itself should not be neglected.

It is something stronger than tradition that the saloonman has no friends in court. He is never able to collect at law a bill for goods sold on credit to consumer at the bar, if caught by a deadbeat the liquor dealer, unless he can threaten or conjoin payment from his customer, now charges it up to profit and loss. No jury will help him. So it naturally follows that if one is seeking another's kick in the pants, the safest man to pick is a liquor dealer.

QUACKS AND DRUG FIENDS.
Recent legislation has made it very difficult for drug addicts to obtain their favorite poisons. Several states have enacted laws which prohibit cocaine and the like without a physician's prescription under severe penalties and others are likely to follow.

New York—A rumor that Lyman Abbott is about to resign his pastorate at Henry Ward Beecher's old church in Brooklyn, is current here. It is said that Dr. Abbott said he would not remain where his creed and theology was subject to controversy among the members of the church, but he is offered the church, it is said.

That was 30 or more years ago. Colonel Nelson is dead and his record is done, but neither time nor death can efface the results of the revolution of the late William B. Nelson, of the Kansas City Star.

GERMAN MAIL BAGS ARE SEIZED.
Charge of American Subversive to England at Least Premature.
EUGENE, Ore., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—You bring the news that England has again confiscated \$500 mail bags from Germany from an Italian steamer.

Poland's Call for Help.
Poland's sorrows have been almost overlooked, so absorbed has been our interest in the sorrows of nearer Belgium, yet they are as great, and Poland has as strong a claim on our sympathy.

It has been found that there are plenty of people ready to contribute to, to provide the morphine, cocaine or heroin for which he longs. The United States Treasury Department reports that quite a thriving trade in habit-forming drugs has been set up by express since the new federal law went into effect.

Most women depend upon the clergyman when they desire a change of name; but a Douglas County widow has petitioned the County Court to eliminate a few syllables. Men of Douglas, where art thou?
Yes, Governor, we will go back to the farm when we can get there without wading through mud. We have been living in cities so long that good roads have ceased to be a luxury and have become a necessity.

APPROPRIATE NEW ELECTRIC LINE
Willanette Valley Southern scenic and Tapa Rich Country.
ALBANY, Or., April 18.—(To the Editor.)—A trip over the Willanette Valley Southern Railroad, a new electric line leading into the interior of Clackamas County, Oregon, is well worth an attractive outing for city people.

Simplified Spelling.
VANCOUVER, Wash., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—To what extent has the Spelling Board simplified spelling?
The Simplified Spelling Board has prepared a number of lists of words simplified in spelling.

When our correspondent knows that there was American mail in the seized sacks, that some of it was official and that, in that event, the Administration has not demanded satisfaction it will be time enough for him to say that "American citizenship is trampled into the dust" and that the Administration is subservient to England.

NO LAW WITHOUT FORCE.
The utter futility of an international tribunal for settlement of disputes and for enforcement of international law without armed force is shown by Mr. Balfour, the former British Premier, in a statement defending the blockade of German commerce as justifiable retaliation for the submarine campaign against British shipping.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S LATEST TRUST.
John D. Rockefeller is now applying to the purposes of benevolence the great wealth he has accumulated through an organization by which he built up his huge corporation. A man of his habits and experience can have little patience with wasted money and effort in any direction.

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Assessment Against Government.
PHOENIX, Arizona, April 11.—(To the Editor.)—Please state in your issue whether the United States Government ever pays for street improvements in front of its property.

Collecting Note Made in 1908.
PORTLAND, April 18.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly inform me if a note of hand for \$250.00 percent interest, given me for money advanced in 1908, in the State of California, is still collectible?

Trouble in Politics.
Ferris—I'm judge.
Harris—What's the trouble?
Ferris—The fellows on each side of me ran for the same office this year.

EXPORT BOOM IS ALL DUE TO WAR.
In almost every instance those commodities which show an increase of exports during the eight months ending with February have been in heavy demand for military use.

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H. W. Holmes' record of actual work speaks louder for him as a good road engineer than a long series of civil service examinations.

When Great Britain gets the 80,000 mules ordered there will be few kicks left in the Missouri Valley.

Germany's Quarrel With China.
VANCOUVER, Wash., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform us the extent of the quarrel between Germany and China in the recent war, since July, 1914.

"I Know Because"
"I know, because I saw it in the paper."
You hear the phrase every day and its very finality testifies to the esteem in which readers hold their favorite newspaper.

The export boom due to the war has been sufficient to offset the decrease in exports of commodities which are injuriously affected by the war or are not affected at all.

International law without courts to interpret it and without force to execute the court's decrees is therefore no law at all.

When Turks lynch Kurds for killing Christians, the affair has the sound of the movie camera.

Intervention in China needs force for backing.

When Japan attacked Kiau-Chau, Germany protested to China that the terms of her lease were being violated.

That explains the pull of newspaper advertising.