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interest guarantee for three years at 5 per cent, insure \$3,000,000 worth of work. It must be admitted that the reclamation of logged-off land is an important problem in Oregon as the result of arid land. It is as just to extend state aid to one as to the other.

von Muller's company at the next match. A British Admiral is said by a bluejacket to have tried to entice the German fleet out for a fight by the wireless message: "It's a nice day for a sail."

War emergencies are likely to have a revolutionary effect on women's status in British employment. Within a few days 50,000 women registered for employment in order to fill up the ranks of labor and release men to fight.

Half a Century Ago On every side there is indication of a speedy peace. It has long been evident that when Richmond should fall and when Lee's army, constituting the head and front of the rebellion, should be overcome...

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT AT FULTON Much Winter Suffering by Labor Could Be Avoided, Says Mr. Swett. PORTLAND, April 18.—(To the Editor.)—Your recent editorial entitled "The Hotel Liberty" commenting on this hotel as an institution to accommodate Seattle's unemployed army and discussing generally the problem of unemployment carries with it so sympathetic a chord as to permit me to be permitted a further discussion to be welcomed.

Twenty-Five Years Ago From The Oregonian of April 20, 1890. -New York.—The American Federation of Labor will have the number within a fortnight to be the number of hours that shall constitute a day's labor set at eight hours. It is predicted several big strikes are about to occur.

THE BARNES-ROOSEVELT CASE. The trial of William Barnes' libel suit against Colonel Roosevelt will be watched with keen interest throughout the country for other reasons than the prominence of the parties. One is that a libel suit growing out of a political campaign is only paid to a trial after the campaign is over. Another is that the suit may end in a judicial decision defining the bounds to which political criticism of individuals may go without infringing on their personal rights.

THE SUPERWOMAN IS HERE. Monsieur Jules Bois, an illuminated and psychological Frenchman, is lecturing in the palaces of the rich and great at New York on the superwoman. He contends that she must make her advent on earth before we can reasonably look for the coming of the superman.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD SHIPS. The war is likely to stimulate permanently the expansion of the American merchant marine. In the opinion of the Pacific Marine Review, the cost of merchant shipping in Great Britain has increased about 20 per cent since the war began and skilled labor is at a premium in the shipyards.

Tiring of exchanges, the editor of the Bandon Recorder has changed his course of reading, and taken to Bible study. His reward was instantaneous and startling. In the Acts of the Apostles xxi:1 he found: "And it came to pass that after they were gotten from them, and had launched, we came in a strait course unto Coos, and from thence unto Patara."

A large number of the citizens met at the Common Council chamber last night to call for the organization of appointing a committee to act in conjunction with the committee of the proper ceremonies in the city of the observance of the funeral rites and ceremonies for the late President Lincoln.

London.—London was literally painted yellow yesterday in commemoration of the death of Lord Beaconsfield. The statue of the "Fox" statesman was covered with yellow flowers and the crowd was so dense that extra police had to be put into service.

London.—It is believed here that Stanley, the explorer, will more likely become Governor of the British State rather than enter the British service. H. C. Johnson has been elected secretary of the Realty Exchange.

IDAHO'S LOGGED-OFF LAND PLAN. In a law passed by the recent Idaho Legislature is an interesting application of the principle of improvement assessments to the logged-off land problem. Two years ago Washington adopted a farm-improvement statute which embraces logged-off lands and it was presented to the public with glowing expectations.

WORK OF WIRELESS IN WAR. The revolution in methods which marks the present war is due as much to wireless telegraphy as any other factor. Because of the wide separation of allies, whose wire communication was cut off, has been made possible and bombardment of invisible points at long range has been directed by wireless with the most accurate aim.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION IN BRITAIN. The wave of prohibition sentiment which swept over Great Britain when the slackness of workmen was ascribed to drinking and was held to be the chief cause of insufficient output of ammunition and other war material is decidedly receding.

Registration books are open, but those qualified to vote last Fall who have not changed their residences or previous condition of servitude, which means young women who have married, need not journey to the Court-house. Representative Fitzgerald is added to the number of Congressmen who came to see Mt. Rainier and went away to praise it.

AN TO UNITED STATES DEFENSE Working Men and Women Should Ask Military Preparation, Is View. PORTLAND, April 17.—(To the Editor.)—The military preparation of our country against military invasion, I can only help being surprised by the attitude of the women and the working men of the United States.

What cannot be comprehended by the small boy, ordered to "eat the crust, too," under maternal supervision, is why people in parts of Europe are making a fuss for more bread. The Daughters of the American Revolution are tightening their belts and sharpening their tomahawks for tomorrow's election.

When the Spring is in the blood, (That of the "un-shakin'") All the peace of bachelorhood Glad ye'd be to be forsakin' For the hope of joy that lies in a pair of pants and a shirt. Wisful to possess ye, Take your chance o' paradise An' heaven-like ye!

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF TILLAMOOK, who closed the stores last Sunday, evidently wants to get into the newspapers. Mouths of Britons and Germans must water when they read of George Drumheller's \$500 acres of wheat.

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Japan shows good intent by ordering home all war vessels in American waters. The roads are good just now and so is the fishing, and one leads to the other.

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