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ing a real estate deal. He began buying the Oregon City locks years ago, and he has just closed the deal. Yet he proposes to remain the landlord of 50 per cent of Oregon. If he should, he would no longer be born than his parents would need to begin negotiations with Uncle Sam for a farm for him to live on. Then the boy would get the lease signed about the time when he reached his majority.

DOOMED TO SLAUGHTER.

Writing from France, where he sees trained soldiers under fire and green soldiers under training, Robert R. McCormick says:
Men can be so trained in peace that they are good soldiers at the beginning of the war. The German French English have shown it in this war. Our regulars have shown it in every war.

A MUNICIPAL ORGAN.

Portland, Me., has a municipal organ, a pleasing possession, one would think. A Philadelphia publisher who graciously remembers an old musician of Portland, Mr. Kotschmar, gave the organ to keep his image alive in the people's hearts. The instrument is of rather magnificent pretensions, having cost some \$20,000. It has been erected in Portland's new City Hall.

After the community sling comes a sermon, which by inexorable edict must be unsectarian. The exercises begin with half an hour of organ music, a fugue by Bach, some tidbits from Tschalkowski's Pathetic Symphony, and the like. The music is as good as the most high-browed artist could ask for and yet the people like it.

Germany hits first. The second battle of Ypres appears to surpass the first in fury. The German artillery has done the trick played on them by the British at Neuve Chapelle by secretly concentrating large forces of infantry and artillery and by suddenly launching a furious attack on the British positions.

Metellus has planted 1000 trees on its streets. The country where that pretty town is situated rather lacks timber and shaded streets will contrast pleasantly with the surrounding fields. The "Searchlight" publishes an exhortation by the Mayor urging all good citizens to help protect the trees. The best safeguard of public property is an aroused public conscience.

Modern warfare sips honey from every flower. Its latest triumph is an adaptation of an ancient and not very pleasant Chinese weapon. The "asphyxiating bombs" of which we read are enlarged and glorified stinkpots. The invention is Chinese, but consider the Christian civilization has improved it.

Chicago's mammoth "Prosperity parade" is probably an indication that the country is getting on its feet. A man with perfect digestion seldom mentions his stomach. It is usually an invalid who boasts of his health.

The knowledge acquired by the dwellers in the Brazilian Eden from the tree of knowledge seems to have been the same as that of Adam. They must have been the original I. W. W.

The Angels are at the top and the Beavers at the bottom, but there is nothing to prevent the Beavers winning today. There was no merit of basting the ball.

There is a deficiency of nearly fourteen inches of rainfall around here, but do not mention it and break the charm until the Angels go away.

Hood River thinks its apple crop will be the largest usual crop. However, the quality will be up to standard.

Deputy Sheriff Phillips and Beckman did great work in catching the highwayman an hour after the crime.

The Albers mill fire was an object lesson in the wisdom of building fire-proof structures on the waterfront.

The forty American peace women held up on the Nevada are just as well off as the Hogue.

Intense heat in the East will breed the usual frost to kill the Michigan and Delaware peach crops.

Lincoln's Wondrous Sympathy. A touching incident of Abraham Lincoln's characteristic thoughtfulness for others was brought to light in Philadelphia by the death there, the other day, of Mrs. Amanda Kuhn, 84 years old.

Senator Chamberlain's lantern show will be a bigger attraction than Bryan at Chautauque.

The moral of the Cresswell slaughter of the innocents is: "Stop, look, listen."

The widow of "Silent" Smith wanted something to raise her children being grown.

Italy is as slow about making up her mind as a woman buying a hat.

The czar has inspected Przemysl, but has not changed its name.

right to buy the Belgian Congo and would take Portuguese Guinea on the West coast. Germany would also take Portuguese Angola and the small Portuguese colony of Kabinda, north of the Congo's mouth, and would buy the small Spanish colony of Rio Muni, which juts into Kamerun on the Guinea coast.

The advantage which Herr Delbruck sees for the three colonial powers is that their possessions would be consolidated. Britain would have the entire East coast from the Mediterranean to the Cape of Good Hope except Italian Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, and would be free to carry out the cherished scheme for a Cape-to-Cairo railroad through her own territory.

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An alarm of fire was turned in at 2:34 this morning, owing to a fire in the Parish building, at Front and Washington streets. The fire was discovered by a woman who was in the Metropolitan barber shop. The firemen were slow in responding, but did good work after their arrival, gaining control of the flames in 15 minutes. The damage will be considerable when estimated.

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PRICE OF LABOREUR'S BOARD HIGH. Road Work by the Day and Cheap Living Advocated to Aid Unemployed. SEATTLE, Wash., April 25.—(To the Editor)—Under date of April 25, I took the liberty of forwarding you a report by the committee appointed especially by the Chamber of Commerce on the Hotel Liberty, in the latter part of your comment on the report you state: "Of course, the Hotel Liberty and all similar enterprises are merely palliatives for the unemployed, and no contribution to the problem of unemployment." Your statement may be true, but not in its entirety. To give proper relief to the unemployed (thru the mind particularly the itinerant worker) changes must be effected in our city ordinances, city charters and laws governing County Commissioners. There is no question in my mind but that if the County Commissioners of our county and maybe of Multnomah County had a right to do road work by the day instead of always forcing them to have it done by contract to the lowest bidder, great relief could be accomplished. The same thing could be done with the city's work. The contract sub-letting of contracts until the final one who does the work has been selected, is a very poor method of operating by paying a low wage and charging enormous board money.

The idea of having to pay \$6 or \$7 a week for board when it can be had for \$2.50 is an absurdity. Speaking of board, it is a right to do road work for less than 15 cents a day, covering everything; but naturally in camp, where cooks would have to be employed, it is impossible; but \$2.50 would cover it and give excellent food. The feeding of the men on county work should be under public or state supervision. Take the case of the Hotel Liberty, where the city is forced to pay \$27.5 a day for eight hours' work, which often means seven hours, the men having to be under public or state supervision. Take the case of the Hotel Liberty, where the city is forced to pay \$27.5 a day for eight hours' work, which often means seven hours, the men having to be under public or state supervision.

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