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liberal offers for free transit of war material in Turkey. The deadlock may be broken when the Greek Parliament puts Venizelos in office, and its decision to grant Bulgaria's demands and to join the allies may be hastened by allied success against Turkey and by Teuton attack on Serbia.

as compared with those of his city brother. With Mr. Ford, we exclaim: "Why read at all, if one must read as a mere automaton?"

It will be in the temple at the Pocantico Hills. Aphrodite, or Love, was the principal deity of the Chaldeans, as she is of Mr. Rockefeller, and the proud inhabitants of that city preferred "her naked beauties," as Byron said of tobacco.

European War Primer. By National Geographical Society.
Vilna is one of the most important immediate objectives of the Teutonic drive in Russia, for its capture and retention by the Germans would not only break the communication of the Czar's armies, but would also cripple the second line of Russian defense.

CITY HALL EXPERIMENT STATION. Commissioners With Pads Combine to Put Each Other's Scheme Over.
PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(To the Editor)—When the municipal charity budget, alias the city government, enters the fuel business with public funds and cuts prices, and starts a green vegetable market in vacated streets in an attempt to bankrupt private business and landowners, it would seem there is no room for our boasted guarantee that our property shall not be taken away without due process of law.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian of August 17, 1890.
New York, Aug. 16.—The Sun confirms the fact that John D. Rockefeller endowed \$200,000 for the establishment of a Baptist university in York, and thinks that Professor Harper, of Yale, will be its first president.

STORING UP TROUBLE. The joint appeal of the United States and of the six Latin American republics to the people of Mexico to get together and organize a government which all will obey bears a family resemblance to the appeals made to Huerta to get out. It is not a situation that any effective means have been adopted to back up the government which may be organized or to restore peace in case the factions fail to agree on a government which the Pan-American conference can recognize.

The next few weeks will probably see a general clearing up of the situation in the east of Europe. Operations on the Dardanelles are likely to be pushed with redoubled vigor, and the Balkan states join the allies, Roumania may give Russia direct relief by attacking the Austrian flank. Russia may give a matchless proof of her diversion of her enemy's attention to other fields of hostilities.

This is not only cheering news for Professor Dryden and his college, it is good news for every citizen of Oregon who takes any note whatever of the value to us of the poultry industry. It may be said by some that it is not an important matter to produce a breed of hens that are world beaters in egg production, but the importance of the poultry business is one of the greatest of all industries connected with the farm.

Although we may not believe it, all of the belligerents believe they are fighting for their national existence. Germany and Austria believe the allies would dismember them, partition Turkey, shut them out of foreign commerce and the Mediterranean, and take away all German colonies. France believes Germany would annex the richest territory of the republic and its colonies, including Morocco, and reduce it to military impotence. Russia believes that Austria would extend the Hapsburg territory to the Aegean Sea, grasp Constantinople next and close Russia's outlet to the Mediterranean forever, and that Germany would make the Baltic a German lake, annex the Baltic provinces, make Austria a gateway to the Mediterranean and practically annex Asiatic Turkey.

The old town is rich in memories. A mass of ruins that were once a brilliant castle of the Jagellons is here. Vilna was proclaimed in 1595, by the emperor Rudolph II, as the chief fortified town of the Lithuanians in 1528. It was the nucleus of the Polish crown, and the seat of the Polish government, and a capital in which the ancient religious service was continued until the end of the 18th century. The great cathedral, which protected the people in their swamp and woodland until destroyed ruthlessly in 1847 by Prince Jozef, after his conquest.

And so it goes. Each fadist helps the other fadist to fasten his experiment on the people. And then comes a coterie of public market brokers with a proposal to regulate the taxpayer's business.

Half a Century Ago.
From The Oregonian of Aug. 16, 1865.
The arena says that every rebel who desires to vote in Oregon is "ought to vote and will vote." We shall see.

Profane Liberty. The learned opinion of Magistrate Joseph Fitch, of Jamaica, Long Island, has attracted more attention than it deserves. Magistrate Fitch rules that a person has a legal right to swear to his heart's content in his own home, provided he does not swear so noisily as to annoy his neighbors.

The egg supply of the country comes from the farmers' hens, not from the hens of the fanciers and exclusive poultry breeders. The officials of the Oregon Agricultural College understand this, and their aim is not only to produce a breed that will surpass all others in laying, but to encourage the farmers to enlarge their flocks, to take better care of them than formerly, and to breed with an eye single to egg production.

Like a peach in the mid August sunshine the soul of John D. Rockefeller grows savorily and mellow in the warm glow of public admiration. Long and long ago he forsook those adventurous practices which laid the foundation of his fortune. As the peach ceases to depend upon the delectable contents of the ground for its light and color, so the heart of Mr. Rockefeller, weary of struggle and accumulation, turns to love for higher and sweeter consolations than gold can afford.

War, plague and destructive fires have played havoc with the city's prosperity and growth. It was nearly ruined together with the 17th century, during the struggle between Russia and Poland. Russia finally took possession of the city in 1795, after Poland's partition. The Polish government fled to the east in 1831 and 1863, and bitter punishment was administered for this by the czar's government. The Polish element in the city is small. It is estimated that more than 50 per cent of the population is Jewish, while the Lithuanians and Poles make up the greatest part of the remainder.

VIEW FROM LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Range of Vision From Summit is Unsurpassed, Says Mr. Dufur.
PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(To the Editor)—In one of the Portland papers of August 8, I saw a graphic description of Lookout Mountain as a scenic road. This article is of great interest to me, as I have long been acquainted with Lookout Mountain and its beautiful scenic views for a number of years.

Even College-Bred Are Often Slovenly in Perusing Literature.
DALLAS, Or., Aug. 14.—(To the Editor)—An editorial comment in the Oregonian has raised a query in my mind, or more accurately speaking, has furnished me with a query. You say: "Now we hear that moderate imbibers who take more than two glasses of beer or a single glass of whiskey die off much more rapidly than comparative teetotalers. For we call men who take only a single glass of whiskey a day a near-teetotaler. We doubt if he exists, in a literal sense; but there are men who stand in the middle ground, one daily drink. They are occasional, not regular, drinkers."

Property Sold on Contract.
TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 14.—(To the Editor)—If a buyer city property from B on the installment plan and has the contract recorded immediately, will the money be refunded that has been paid in, except the interest in case A cannot make all the payments? And would there have to be a certain amount paid in before anything would be refunded? A. J. S.

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