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AN EXPERIMENT IN MATHEMATICS.

An election of City Commissioners at Ashland, Ohio, early in the month is held as the application of proportional representation in the United States.

IMPORTS.

Division of world—Sept. 1914, Sept. 1915. North America, \$1,433,422, \$1,824,433. South America, 15,858,254, 30,052,793.

EXPORTS.

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PROFIT IN POETS.

Fifteen hundred poets are mourning the loss of a golden eagle, each the poet who has been the purveyor of evanescent literary fame.

DENONCING MARS.

Peace propagandists throughout the country who have banded together in organizations have determined to continue their assaults on grim old Mars.

CORN FOR WEALTH.

According to a bulletin just issued by the Department of Agriculture, the corn crop this year is 2,959,509,000 bushels.

paying quantities could be grown in Oregon would have been decided. Now it is known that Oregon can raise as good corn in many localities as is produced in the world and in quantities per acre in excess of the average of the United States.

The farmers of this state are on the right road when they give their attention to growing corn and to feeding it to cattle, sheep and hogs.

It is true there is something the matter with the meat market now, but the condition is what might be called artificial. But the farmer who will stick to corn and turn it into meat will succeed as any business man in the country.

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Mr. Marvin Fauszick resides in Kalamazoo. He will be readily understood that any farmer in the country of course can't "Kalamazoo" or speak the word "Kalamazoo" times daily will soon become a lover of musical sounds.

But not everybody in Kalamazoo has the enterprise of Mr. Fauszick. That gentleman has made himself distinguished by proposing to let the whole country constantly enjoy the pleasures of sweet acoustics.

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armed conflict. Man has never lacked the conscience and moral sense to see the iniquity of war. But he has lacked the capacity to establish prohibitions against the occurrence and recurrence of war.

Two Empires on Rations. Promulgation of new and stringent food regulations in Germany gives rise to the opinion that a shortage exists more serious than that which confronted the empire last winter.

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literary tyros of the country. Why stage a fake poem contest and obtain money by false pretenses when such a rich field lies open as that of freelance "publisher's agent"?

If those who are writing know the true conditions they would spend no money with these exploiters of their ambitions. To find the way into the editorial sanctum there is no medium more effective than the humble and inexpensive postage stamp.

The publisher's agent is useful only to the established or qualified writer. His stuff being saleable, the agent exacts better prices from the editor than might be paid otherwise.

He does this by placing a premium price on a good story or poem and offering it to an editor who wants just such a production and who will pay the price rather than have the work taken to a contest.

Contrary to the general belief, magazine editors are on the alert for meritorious matter. Good stories are as rare as flawless gems. The staffs of paid readers are continually on the alert for a good story by a new writer.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans.

Schoolhouse Sanitation.

This department is frequently asked questions relating to the hygiene of school buildings. The United States Bureau of Education has just issued a bulletin on "Schoolhouse Sanitation: A Study of the Laws and Regulations Governing the Hygiene and Sanitation of School Buildings."

It is important, but that there is nowhere else to be found a complete list of the members of the different Legislatures, as to the best methods to pursue.

Six states forbid spitting on school grounds. Minnesota and North Dakota specify that schools shall be provided with foot scrapers and cocoa or steam mops.

As to the frequency of cleaning of schoolroom floors, some states provide that the floors shall be swept daily. An occasional provision is—Easter, Washington, window sills and blackboards must be washed daily with a 1-3-2000 solution of chloride or a 1 per cent solution of carbolic acid.

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Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of November 15, 1890.

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Excavating is going on at the southeast corner of Third and G streets for a large brick building which Henry Weinhard is going to erect there.

Classes in the gymnasium at the Young Men's Christian Association will be organized tonight under the direction of Henry A. Townsend, physical director