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comfort and quiet for his out-of-school work he finds, all too often, both these necessities denied him by the nature of his quarters in a humble country cottage. Often the teacher must live in a house which combines living room, dining-room, kitchen and bedroom in one compartment. This is true especially of the more backward community.

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SELECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

Once more the House has adopted by an overwhelming majority the literacy test for immigrants. This is the eighth record vote in the House in nineteen years, the average in the preceding seven having been 192 for to 72 against, while in the Senate the average of five record votes has been 52 to 15.

BETTER MEN.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Portland is nearly fifty years old—one of the oldest in the city. It has been a factor in the social, educational, athletic and religious life of Portland; yet there are thousands of men and women to whom the Y. M. C. A. is but a name, or a name of which they know nothing.

A PUBLIC SHAME.

Efforts of the Portland Journal to belittle by falsification the flax industry established at the penitentiary have now received three rebuffs from disinterested experts. Sir Francis Webster, a linen manufacturer of Scotland, visited the plant in December and returned with the Oregonian as having praised the work and processes adopted.

HOUSING THE RURAL TEACHER.

Bearing some of the aspects of Rip Van Winkle with his grizzled beard and moldy apparel, a report on rural schoolteachers has just been issued by the Federal Bureau of Education. The surprising discovery is made by the Bureau that the problem of housing country teachers is a serious one, about which something must be done.

the condition of affairs, and this is indeed unfortunate. A deliberate attempt is being made by advocates of Federal leasing and control to keep alive the impression of opposition to the Ferris and Adamson bills emanates entirely from the power companies. Most emphatically it does not. All the criticisms of the power companies on those bills could be met without removing the objection of the Western states, as expressed at the Portland conference last September.

THE SULTAN'S NEW SWAGGER STICK.

The Sultan of Turkey has been made a Field Marshal in the German army. This in accordance with the Kaiser's wishes. The press official has been instructed to deliver to his imperial Turkish majesty the proper band and trappings of the exalted grade. No doubt the Sultan is highly complimented. Likely enough he will assign his new rank to a proper place in his long list of titles.

UNITY OF ACTION.

Unity of action was decided upon at the conference of allied agents in Paris. Which is another way, we take it, of saying that the British and the Americans are agreed to do some of the fighting henceforward.

THE BLUNDERS OF IGNORANCE.

Public understanding of the water-power controversy is highly desirable in the public interest. The public can get to understand it only by study and discussion, but such discussion, based on ignorance and misinformation, is worse than none, for it only leads to misunderstanding.

THE HOUSE PASSED TWO BILLS.

The House passed two bills at the last session of Congress—the Adamson bill providing for development of water power on navigable streams and the Ferris bill providing for use of Government land in connection with water power on the public domain.

DEMANDS OF THE TRAINMEN.

Demands of the trainmen for the eight-hour day will make things interesting on this North Coast. One good one is Luck's, 'Fundamental Basis of Nutrition' another is Cooley's 'Nutrition and Diet.'

THE GARDEN SONG.

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FLY PEST ON TRAINS.

A GENTLEMAN traveling from Jacksonville, Fla., to Chicago on the Seminole Limited early in March killed 37 flies in the dressing rooms of the sleeper. The train was passing through southeastern Alabama, making brief stops at 20-mile intervals.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be published in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letter will be personally mailed subject to proper limitations and where stamped, addressed, enclosed, or otherwise, will be returned to the author or publisher for individual diagnosis or requests for such service cannot be answered.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, March 21, 1891. Washington.—Tom Carter's appointment as Commissioner of the Land Office, just made by the President, seems to be generally approved here. Carter is ex-Congressman from Montana. His appointment is generally attributed to influence brought by Russell Harrison, of the Northern Pacific.

RELIGIOUS REBELLION IN INDIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 500 THOUSAND DEATHS.

On the grounds that they were fraudulently made the entries of Robert L. Doolittle and Martin J. Conroy for timber land in the Vancouver, Wash., district, were canceled yesterday. They were made for J. B. Montgomery; it was stated.

HALF A CENTURY AGO.

From The Oregonian, March 21, 1866. The New York Bakery, No. 9 North Front street, announces that steam has been applied to its cracker machinery. The cracker machinery in the bakery in Oregon is now operating.

THREE BROKEN PROMISES CITED.

Political Pledges Recalled That Have Had Fate of Treaties. NEWBERG, Or., March 30.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian has published Colonel Roosevelt's substance, a treaty is a promise on a piece of paper. If a nation breaks one, none call it to account except an individual fails to keep his promises his fellow men regard him thereafter as one unworthy of confidence.

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