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vious years that the supposed superior physique of the lad from the farm is not fully proved by experience. It is largely true that country boys have harder muscles, but it was found in the army in the Civil War that the city boys withstood hardships better. Urban life seemed to have steeled their nerves to withstand a higher degree of emergency strain.

Improvements of agricultural products are sometimes accomplished with- in the life, yet, the last years, of a single scientist. Nevertheless, ex- plorations in Peru reveal the past ex- plence and perseverance. Primarily, to them, we owe the existing series of American agricultural products. Sec- ondarily, we owe at least one of them, the potato, to the Spanish conquerors.

PROGRESSIVES ARE FOR HUGHES
Forward-Looking, Not Archais, Party Is Their Choice.
PORTLAND, July 21.—(To the Editor.)—The announcement that the Democratic leaders would soon inaugurate an organized bid for the votes of former members of the Progressive party leads me, as one who still sub- scribes to the principles of the Pro- gressive party of 1912, to give my reasons why Progressives cannot con- sistently vote the Democratic ticket.

ONLY SMALL NUMBER BENEFITED
Many Worse Off Through Prohibition, Asserts Correspondent.
PORTLAND, July 21.—(To the Editor.)—When the prohibition amend- ment was submitted to the people two years ago, the prohibitionists took pains to make it clear, both through speakers and through the columns of the newspapers, that the "dry move- ment" was not intended as a "prohibi- tion condition," but that the move- ment was only to better conditions by putting the saloon out of being and by reducing crime thereby.

In Other Days.
Twenty-five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian, July 23, 1891.
St. Paul.—The clergy have joined in the protest against the Fitzsimmons- Hall prize fight and a number of citi- zens have appealed to the Governor to stop the go.

BITTERNESS OF WAR.
It will not be the combatants who show the most bitterness after the war is over. The men who are doing the fighting know what it is to meet a brave enemy. If they conquer him, so much the better for them; in any event, it is only part of the day's work. No one knows better than a true soldier that the man opposite him is in- spired by the same feeling of patriot- ics that he himself has for the same supreme sacrifice.

THE OLD GUARD AGAIN.
A friend at Astoria finds himself dis- tressed by a recent article of Samuel G. Blythe in the Saturday Evening Post on the recent Republican Na- tional Convention. "It does not agree," he writes, "in at least one important particular with the statements by oth- er notable Oregonians that the Old Guard cut no figure at any time at Chicago. Blythe says that the Old Guard was on hand and had control of the convention and lost it through its inability to control its own pro- cured delegates, who voted for Hughes against the party platform they feel, that they had no alternative."

REAL GOLD OF THE INCAS.
Few persons find food for romantic reflection in the Irish potato. It is accepted as something perhaps com- mon, but nevertheless substantial. Yet it contains both mystery and romance for those who are familiar with its history. The name of the potato does not signify the country of its origin. Ireland, in fact the civilized world, has known the potato but little longer than 100 years. Yet centuries ago, when our own half-naked ancestors conducted the potato to this country, the potato was the basis of a people long since vanished from the earth, a people who left as monuments the American series of agricultural prod- ucts, remarkable stone ruins, decaying and neglected, and the remnants of won- derful hanging gardens.

Revenue Collector Holds Beyer Liable If He Makes Business of It.
PORTLAND, July 21.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian, commenting on a statement I made that as a private investor, who was investing his own funds for his own profit and not for the purpose of reselling securities, so I was not liable for a tax on the profits of my purchases, says that I was probably compelled to pay a tax for doing the same under some provision of the state "blue-sky law" and that I was liable for a penalty as I was an investor.

HOW CONKLING BEGAN ADDRESS
Grant Delegate Corroborates Mr. Green's Version of Speech.
MEDFORD, Or., July 20.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to add my positive testimony to Mr. A. E. Green's statement in his communication ap- pearing in The Oregonian and in his speech nominating General Grant at the Chicago convention when the noble and wise Senator Conkling de- clared that he was absolutely correct. The question was not a matter of opinion. Senator Conkling did begin, "You ask what state he haills from, and his reply shall be from Oregon. He is from Oregon. He is from Oregon. And it stands for all time." I sat in the front row of the alter- nate seats, was a Grant supporter and held a chair and helped Conkling to the floor for 12 minutes fol- lowed that famous opening.

FOOD VALUE FOUND IN RATION
White Flour of Today Not Same as It Was in Civil War Times.
PORTLAND, July 21.—(To the Editor.)—The Government ration issued to our soldiers on the Mexican border, as stated in letter of James T. Beach in this morning's paper, would be bal- anced and give a different ration than the old ration. It is a different ration made of white flour, or if the hardtack were Ry-Krisp or the "Swedish health bread." Then it would contain the necessary vitamins for the digestion of the vital processes of digestion. Using modern white flour to make the bread and hardtack, the ration should contain far more of vitamins, potatoes and beans and less bread.

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BLOWING COLD, BLOWING HOT.
The Evening Journal has a Washing- ton bureau which faithfully re- flects the various policies and polit- ical schemings of that active organ of "non-partisan" opinion. For example, there appeared yesterday this dispatch from Washington City: Representative McArthur expressed the opinion that it would not oppose the Colum- bia River aqueduct base. If this informa- tion were given to the Senate, likely the amendment in the Senate, likely have achieved a success in spite of neglect heretofore. He the bill originated.

Opposition of Secretary Lane and the Democratic leaders in the House to Representative Sinnott's bill requiring that the 40 per cent of land grant receipts allotted to reclamation shall be spent in Oregon is an example of the "protection" which may be expected from the Democratic party.

Lord Crew gave good reasons why Britain undertook the Mesopotamia expedition, but they were also good reasons for ensuring its success and for not exposing it to a disastrous re- pult.

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WHAT THE REALTY DEALERS SAID ABOUT THEIR HOME TOWNS IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.
Stenographic reports of the 26 five-minute speeches, given in a prize competition before the real estate dealers' big convention in Portland this week, will be printed in full in The Sunday Oregonian. They present the commercial and social attractions of 26 communi- ties in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The oratorical contest was one of the hits of the convention and the talks, in which a strict time limit was kept, are concise, breezy and convincing. Read them tomorrow.

HOW TO KEEP OUT OF WAR.
President Wilson sent an army to Vera Cruz which fought a battle wherein nineteen Americans were killed, but he kept us out of war. He has sent an army in pursuit of Villa, which fought bloody battles with Mexicans at Parral and Carrizal, but he kept us out of war.

THE EXTENT OF TERRACE GARDENS reveals that the pre-Incas were numer- ous. But plainly, they were under constant menace of danger from constructed great fortifications of stone, and walled cities, temples and outlook stations on the tops of high mountains. Although it is apparent they understood only the use of levers and inclined planes, the transverse stones weighing as much as twenty tons for use in their houses and fortifications. That this could have been done by employment of great num- bers of men is admitted, but how such tasks were accomplished is the mean- ing of the mystery. The joints are still so perfect that the blade of a knife cannot be inserted and frequently use of a lens is required to reveal whether the joints are a true one or a groove made for ornament.

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