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we are prone to swell every statistical report. Deaths that would have occurred in any kind of weather are attributed to heat, when the day chances are not hot. There are other deaths that are only hastened by the weather, and a relatively small number directly due to heatstroke.

COLD TEA. No one will sympathize with the illicit buyer of whisky who uncorks his bottle in thirsty anticipation, only to find that it is filled with cold tea.

THE UNBROKEN POWER OF FRANCE. One of the many deceptions practiced by Germany in the effort to sow dissension among the allies and to cool the ardor of the American people has been the presentation of France as an exhausted nation.

TWO BADLY NEEDED LAWS. Two pieces of legislation are necessary before the Government will be free to deal with the problems growing out of the war.

WAR SLANG. Such common words as "reconnoiter," "postpone," and "marauding" are being used in a way that is giving the Federal Government full power to suppress such lawless organizations as the Industrial Workers of the World.

ANNIVERSARY OF A SPORTSMAN. American anglers last week, for the first time in our history, paid formal honor to the name of Isaac Walton.

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The Star-Spangled Banner.

Former Portland Woman Tells How Tune Was Chosen to Be Words. An interesting account of the selection of the tune to which we now sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" is given in a letter to the Oregonian by Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster, of Berkeley, Cal., a former resident of Portland, and now nearly 80 years of age.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 13, 1892. London.—The St. James Gazette, commenting on the latest addition to the American Navy, says that the development of the American Navy is a very striking and suggestive fact.

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