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NOT ALL MILK TO BE WITHHELD
Dairyman's Desire Was Only to Wipe Out Alleged Portland Surplus.
GASTON, Or., March 7.—(To the Editor.)—In your editorial in the Oregonian of March 6 you evidently prompted by a spirit of fairness to all sides, but seem to be misinformed in one respect.

The Oregon Dairyman's League did not decide by unanimous vote to withhold all milk from Portland. On the contrary, they voted to withhold just what they considered a surplus.

The producers and the consumers. This would seem to show that the Oregon Dairyman's League is willing to be fair in the matter.

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IRISH LOYALTY TO OUR ALLIES
One Who Gives His Support to America Without Any Restrictions.
PORTLAND, March 8.—(To the Editor.)—"When an Irishman becomes a citizen of this country it's like taking on a wife—he marries a bride, but he doesn't marry her relatives," said the president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the recent Emmet memorial.

Clearly a kick at our allies in the war, it also brings out in sharp contrast the difference between the man who lives for himself and the man who has learned to get outside of himself.

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In Other Days.
Twenty-five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian March 9, 1893.
New Orleans.—Pittsmins knocked out Hall in the fourth round. Hall was a strong favorite before the fight and was backed by some of the experts, ex-champions and leaders of the fight ring.

Paris.—New trials in the Panama Canal embroglio have started in Paris.
The Eugene Journal (Republican) predicts that the Democrats and Populists will control the next Legislature in spite of anything the Republicans can now do.

Half a Century Ago.
From The Oregonian March 9, 1868.
Washington.—The Senate dispatched unimportant business early and proceeded to the impeachment of the President. Wade stepped down from the chair and the Chief Justice was seated and the oath administered to the new President.

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"BATTling WITH THE CRAFTY HUN AMONG THE CLOUDS"
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Whenever the Lafayette Flying Corps is named the true American feels a thrill of pride in the resource and daring of our lads who lent their lives to France as airmen against the Hun. Appearing in the Sunday issue is the first of four installments of actual experience in cloud conflict. And they are written by First Lieutenant Archibald Johnston, who won the coveted Croix de Guerre in aerial tours.

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