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PORTLAND, OREGON. Entered at Portland (Oregon) Postoffice as second-class matter, May 16, 1902. Subscription rates—Invariably in advance: (By Mail.) Daily, Sunday included, six months \$8.00...

to viticulturists who detect in the future omens of reduced consumption of wine.

NOT BEER PATRIOTS. A current cartoon shows a Sinn Féiner fishing on the bank of a stream, and an immense fish labeled 'Home Rule' has taken the hook.

The statement of Mr. Colby, of the Shipping Board, before the Senate agricultural committee, that unless the shipyard workers have their beer output will decline 25 per cent is a ridiculous thing to say.

Yet the protest of the Shipping Board and of the president of the American Federation of Labor, supporting the prohibition of beer, should have due weight.

THE MOST DISASTROUS BLAZE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY.—So the news accounts describe it, in graphic phrase—has just visited Cle Elum, in Washington.

Several fatalities were reported. The minimum age should not be so low that boys are taken before they have reached physical maturity.

Every town and city has its great fire, due usually to inadequate preparedness and to poor building requirements.

Portland has led the way to systematic fire prevention. The results are marvelous. There has been great reduction in fire losses, because there have been no great fires.

Every city has to learn for itself that it will pay in the end for cheap structures which are fire hazards, and for insufficient fire apparatus, supplemented by an incomplete water system.

PORTLAND FOR THE ALLIES. The German submarine campaign off the Atlantic Coast of the United States gives point to the movement for the allies by Latin America.

The German submarine campaign off the Atlantic Coast of the United States gives point to the movement for the allies by Latin America, for it is a direct attack on the steamship routes between the United States and Latin America.

But the rule should not be so rigid as to exclude desirable men above or below the age limit. Some males are still-grown men at 18, while others are full-blown at 21.

American dependence upon Greece for the dried currants which are so widely used in this country has been ended by the discovery by agents of the United States Government of the secret of the Greek growers.

Balzac's suggestion that it send "a regiment of good, bright, young men, American citizens with a knowledge of Spanish and familiar with the psychology and traditions of the Latin American race, to Latin America to work under the leadership of experienced American diplomats, so as to remain alive in the interior of the countries for American ideals and American manufactures."

NO PLACE FOR THE IDLER. The persistent idler might as well emulate the example of Davy Crockett's coon, and come down. By doing so he will prevent useless expenditure of ammunition, and also preserve a valuable skin.

It is no petty call to "tell tales out of school" that now comes from the War Department. It is asked only in simple justice to the letter attacking Lloyd George's veracity.

It is important to bear in mind that the law is limited in its application. It has no occupation at all, but includes also those of draft age who are unproductively engaged.

Another attempt to divide. The speech of Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Minister, to the Reichstag is another of those adroitly worded specimens of mendacity which periodically emanate from Berlin.

When Kerensky reaches America all the anti-Bolshevik revolutionist parties will be represented here to urge the claims of Russia on the United States.

Where there are not enough men to do the work and women can do it, the man need not fear for his job. Woman is supplemental. This is much of a woman's age, anyway.

The "kid glove aristocracy" has been put on notice that it can maintain its ascendancy only by shedding its gloves.

The best Christmas present will be a fourth liberty bond. Twenty-six weeks to Christmas; begin saving now.

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When the resorts that hold the idlers are closed to them, the police will do the rest.

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Stars and Starmakers.

By Leone Cassa Bacr.

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Belgium Waits.

By Edgar M. Mumford.

(Inspired by conditions in Belgium, as portrayed in a lecture given in Portland, Oregon, June 14, 1918, by Mrs. Vernon Keillog, the only woman member of the Belgian Relief Commission.)

They wait—ten million Belgian-French, encircled and enslaved; Nor sex, nor creed, nor party voice should speak till these are saved.

The heart of God is the heart of love and the heart of the commonweal; The heart of the Hun is the heart of hate that builds a wall of steel.

Our ships, they know who sent them out, and the men in the trenches; The Commission knows—And God knows well the force of the last big blow.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of June 27, 1893. New York.—At the sub-treasury today the payment of interest on the United States 4 per cent bonds due July 1 began.

Officials of the Northern Pacific Railroad today lowered the rates on the route. They will collect when from Portland to St. Paul for \$25, first class and make correspondingly low rates to all Eastern points.

Astoria, Or.—It is now considered almost certain that contrary to the usual custom, the cameries along the river will be compelled to pack salmon as far along as October, on account of the great falling off in operations this year.

The Cincinnati and New York teams of the National League played a 17-inning game yesterday at the former's park, but failed to witness the regular and baseball match between Harvard and Yale.

Major-General John Love, of Indiana, has organized the ex-soldiers of the Union Army into societies known as the Union White Boys.

Professor C. H. Mercier, haircutter, has moved to Carter's building.

Lafayette C. Baker, the Government detective, died in Philadelphia the other day.

Food Is Common Medium of Exchange Named in Austrian Advertisement.

The Trieste newspapers devote their last pages to advertisements which show the population has been reduced to barter for the necessities of life.

Another advertisement offers some French novels for four pounds of food or olive oil for some stockings.

Notices which give an idea of the cost of food say: "To exchange a bed of the finest quality for a kilo of coffee."

Applicants for enlistment in the Navy are never taken for any specified line of duty. They merely "join the Navy," with reasonable expectation that they will eventually be assigned to the kind of work they do best.

WARDING OF "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" VANCOUVER, Wash., June 26.—(To the Editor.)—Please publish the right words for "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Fare of Soldier on Furlough. PORTLAND, June 26.—(To the Editor.)—Does the Government allow the enlisted men to travel on the railroads at the rate of 1/2 fare on a month's furlough?

Campaigning in the Philippines. PORTLAND, June 26.—(To the Editor.)—I note an inquiry in the Oregonian regarding the authorship of "Campaigning in the Philippines," a book written by Karl Irving Faust, and published by the Hicks-Judd Company, San Francisco in 1909.