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far short of the rate of increase in consumption. The aggregate acreage in 1871 was 191,750,000, and in 1891, 162,320,000. These were years during which vast areas in India, Argentina, Australia and Siberia were being brought under cultivation.

sible are timely and represent a true condition of affairs, even if they chime in with the fuel dealers' present interests. There is plenty of wood, but men cannot be expected to cut it now.

Unless Schmitts is a strong Christian Science believer, his belief that he is to remain mayor will scarcely make it so. Every day the murderous revolver scores its victims. It ought to be put in the deadly poison class, at least.

The way to develop Oregon is to make eastern people hear or read about it every day. The Sons of Mary and Martha and Some Other Things. The artist, in virtue of his ethical sympathies, can touch upon the vicissitudes of life with more accuracy than to communicate his indignation to his readers instead of alluring them to vice.

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Portland is proving its right to its name of Rose City. The rule of the people is very annoying to some G. O. P. organs. Schmitt's next term may be a longer one than the one he was elected for.

Zeno said to one who was more desirous to talk than to listen: "Young man, nature has given us two ears, and but one tongue, in order that we may hear twice as much as we speak."—The Stoics.

AGAIN THE MURDERER RE-REVOLVER.

H. REYNOLDS killed a man Wednesday with a revolver. To what extent, if at all, he was excusable for the homicide a court and jury will decide, but it may be said in advance that it was a deed to be regretted by all the parties concerned and by society in general.

CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

SUCH of the public as has occasion to travel will view with unreserved approval the proposal of the railway commission to require in Oregon a train service that serves. Traffic conditions have come to the pass where a time-card is about as effective as a Chinese alphabet in determining when trains will come and go.

COMING OF A WORLD'S WHEAT SHORTAGE.

WHEN WILL the wheat-eating population of the world catch up with wheat production, and wipe out the surplus? When that comes to pass, and the fields are no longer able to supply the demand for wheat, how is the world to be fed, and what conditions will arise?

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Locally, the situation may improve as soon as railroads are built to local coal fields, but the outlook is for a wider difference between demand and supply until then. Our population is increasing, while timber is decreasing and state coal beds lie untouched, and the mills are cutting less slabwood than last year.

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