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for the two great famines of Henry IIL's reign is to be laid at the door of the government itself. In the first of these (1235) 20,000 persons are said to have died in London alone. The suffering in 1257-1259 was even worse. "Ireland has been a land of many

woes, and not the least of these have been the famines which from time to time have taken such heavy toll of the island's manhood. As early as 963-964 an intolerable famine visited the country, and parents are said to have sold their children in order to get money with which to buy food. On at least three occasions the peasantry has been driven to cannibalism."

Little Animals Do Good Work. Though mice and chipmunks often damage food supplies, and have an appetite for pine and fir seeds that interferes much with reforesting burned areas, their work appears to be sometimes beneficial. The director of the Wind River forest experiment station reports that much of the young fir growths of Oregon and Washington is evidently a product of seed buried by small rodents. The Douglas fir produces a heavy seed crop every two or three years and the rodents bury large quantities for winter food. Much of this store, lost to the animals under deep snow or displaced soil, remains in the ground ready to germinate when lumbering clears space for a new forest to start.

Radium for Goitre

Dr. A. N. Clagnett, writing in the Illinois Medical Journal, belleves radium should be given a trial in exophthaimic goitre, because there is no mortality, no scar, no pain and only three or four days' hospitalization. Its advantages over the X-ray are that it produces no discoloration of the neck. there is less time consumed in the treatment and it is simpler to apply. The selective action of radium destroys the barmful cells, while not disturbing the healthy cells. Surgery has not been necessary in any one of 47 cases extending back over three years.

Back at the Beginning. Backward, turn backward! Uncle St Parks of Sullivan county, New York, aged one hundred and one, has just had his last tooth pulled, which puts him where he was in 1820 .- Boston Transcript.

distribution of a bonus and loans to the service men will be in the hands of a commission consisting of the governor, the secretary of state, the adjutant-general of the state and two other members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a service man. These members are to serve without compensation

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into the insect house.

pipe supply system.

Sherman county, which for many years has had the distinction of being the first county in Oregon to file returns of elections with the secretary of state, now has to take a back seat. Yamhill and Washington counties share honors for first place in filing the results of the special election with the state department. The returns from these two countles reached the secretary of state Friday. Canvassing the votes probably will start this week and probably will be completed before July 1, according to the secretary of

state. - ----The city of Warrenton has made application to the state engineer for permission to appropriate 20 second feet of water from the Lewis & Clark river to supplement its present water supply. The project contemplates the construction of a new pipeline 20 miles in length at a cost estimated at \$506. 000. The additional water supply will be used by the citles of Warrenton, Fort Stevens, Hammond and Seaside. The law enacted at the last session

of the legislature, making it unlawful to dig up, cut down, injure or destroy any trees growing upon the right-ofway of any state highway without first procuring the consent of the state highway commission, will be strictly enforced, according to a statement is sued by Governor Olcott following the receipt of complaints to the effect that people in various parts of Oregon are intting shubbery and damaging trees along the highways.

Rather the Contrary.

Carried away by the beauty of the heroine on the screen, he murmured. unconsciously, "Isn't she lovely !" "Every time you see a pretty girl you forget you're married," snapped his better half. "You're wrong, my dear; nothing brings home the fact with so much force."



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