

that the earth is sucking up moisture | embedded in the soil, the whole operation occupying 15 minutes. If the soil is only slightly damp, the seed penelike a gigantic sponge. trates just beyond the line of moisinally when this country was very ture and remains without germinating fertile, watered by lakes, streams, until enough rain insures the safe springs and dotted with marshes. Acsprouting of the future seedling. Thus cording to the writer, its name was equipped, the sour grass exists despite synonymous with a sort of lotus land of fertility; it literally overflowed the severe drought against which the sweet grass is helpless. with milk, honey and fruits. It was All Animal Life Fled also the last stronghold of the big The effects of the drought were so game of the northern Transvaal. Today, after the culminating drought of far-reaching on the animal world that Deck," answered the commonplace 1993, it is practically a desert, with those animals capable of escape fled dried up water courses and springs, early from the stricken area-man with his live stock among the firstdead orange groves, some of them over and now the entire middle veld is fifty years old, trees three centuries old now lifeless, desolate pasture lands without human inhabitant, and the "Father thought the effect was devoid of cattle and other life. There north practically a desert. Over everyis no game, either birds or animals, thing lies the silence of absolute life lieved it kept us from having so much and the fields where fine crops once lessness. It seems as if the desert had grew are now parched and dead. reached out an arm and taken unto it-No Running Water There. self for all time this great extent of once fertile country, where for four It is hard to believe, but true, that and a half hours daily in no spot is in the entire district of Waterberg, the temperature less than 100 degrees which is larger than the Free State Fahrenheit. there was last year no running water, The big game have nearly all disap and in the north of the district there in the next act will warm them up, peared, most of them having trekked is a tract over 4,000 square miles in to more fertile country. Some of the extent where there is no single drop remaining animals have had to change of water, running or stagnant, above the surface of the ground. The great their natural habits; the nocturnal Limpopo itself is dry for all the dis- ant-bear is forced to search its food in tance that its course covers in this dis- broad daylight on account of the fact trict and only by digging deep in its that the ants in the hard ground cansandy bed can drinking water be not be dug out during a night. Most found. Even after a very heavy rain nocturnal beasts of prey also hunt in the neighborhood of its source, during the day as well as by night; some leopards raided a nearby camp in which flooded its tributaries at the time, the stream reached but a little the early afternoon, and the baboons, way down the Limpopo, and not one usually so afraid of the dark, seem drop of the water which fell in the upnever to sleep, but walk about both per regions reached the sea; all lost day and night in search of food in any in the burning sands of the river's form. A crocodile was unearthed by bed. Only the fairly numerous thermal the author's party when digging for springs of the district remain unafwater in the bed of a stream, four and fected by the drought, and on them the dwellers depend for drinking and a half feet beneath the surface.

Water for the Purpose.

the British army are water-cooled

The steam given off by the water,

ordinary rifle, but it has a horizontal

revolving magazine above the trigger.

and the barrel is four inches in

much bigger than that of a rifle,

from the shoulder.

valley mills on California business was tral powers.

required to prevent Greece from being counted among the friends of the cen-

Serbian Armies Almost

the south by the Bulgarian advance

Young American Is Free.

in Portland are unchanged. Catle his friend. values are quoted steady with demand "No?" "No?"

Each side was willing to admit that busines in the other fellow's territory is good, while each as readily conceded that business at home is decidedly bad. The Portland mills contend that

their market has been restricted in various ways in the last four or five years; that the new California rates have restricted it still further, and that their production and earnings have diminished in direct proportion with their losses of markets. At the same time, the Portland wit-

nesses were ready to point out that many new mills have been built in the Willamette valley within the last decade, that the capacity of existing plants has been increased within the Russian scenes of war operations, the

ast year, and that the market of the

of business, the while pointing to the improvement in the situation in Port-

mony the commission is expected to enter simply to shell them out the decide the reasonableness of existing next day. rates and adjust the rate situation befornia accordingly. great marsh.

Union Labor Faces Crisis.

San Francisco - What was said by labor leaders to be the most serious crisis that ever confronted organized abor developed late Saturday night habor developed late Saturday night when a resolution was presented to the Atlantic to the Pacific. A representa-leased from the British detention camp vention here, for the suspension of the charter of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The organization has a membership of more than 200,000 and is said to be the second largest international union in America. A substitute resolution, omitting ex- er if the U. S. senate fails again to by the State department that he was ratify the Nicaraguan treaty.

pulsion, finally was adopted.

9 Hours Passed in Well.

Panama-President Porras has mail-Enterprise, Or .- After being buried for nine hours under a pile of debris in the bottom of a well, Charles C. Col-gate was rescued with only a few tain the approval of Secretary Lansing and begun a course of training for the bruises to show for his experince. Col-bruises to show for his experince. Col-gate was working alone at the bottom of the well, on the John T. Trainor even to consenting to the appointment a moment's notice should the United of the well, on the John T. Trainor even to consenting to the appointment a moment's notice should the United farm five miles north of Enterprise, when the cribbing began to move and finally pinned him in, while the dirt field about him but did not quite cover him up. Neighbors who heard his cries telephoned to town, and three auto the United States for the new loan. loads of recruits responded

Poor to See Fair Free

San Francisco-The attendance fig-ures for the the Panama-Pacific Expo-sition passed the 17,000,000 mark Sat-Caifornia, has announced the discovery fessors or widows of professors by the There remain practically 16 of what he termed a certain preventaurday. hays in which they exposition may tive for chickenpox by the hypodermic according to a report made at the tenth injection of a vaccine virus procured annual meeting of the trustees Thurs-officials some time ago. Every person from a diseased fowl. University au-

in San Francisco too poor to buy a thorities said that the cost of the treatticket will be admitted free on a day ment was low. Dr. Beach addressed was reported to be \$14,382,000 and the set spart. Patrolmen on every beat delegates to the convention of the income for the year \$712,000. Twentybegan taking the names of such as American Poultry association at the eight allowances were terminated by a few days ago. The only repoted death and 43 were added to the list.

The entente ailles wil delay. The position of the Serbian armies makes prolongation of the present uncertainty impossible. Already the Serbians are making what

may be their last stand before Monastir and also on the plains of Kossovo. The Bulgarians are being held by unfavorable weather, but they are almost at the gates of the Macedonian capital, while the Austo-Germans and Bulgarians are pressing back the Joffre, the French commander-in-chief. northern army.

Russians Regain Ground Lost.

London-According to news from the

beyond Tetovo, must depend on the rough roads through Montenegro and armies of the Czar are regaining Albania for any supplies from the sea. In the south the Serbian position is valley mills has expanded. On the other hand the valley men re-ferred sadly to their own lack and loss values willage unknown before the war, and ground which they lost along the Styr almost as bad. The success of the which became famous for the bitter Bulgarian flanking attack on Babuna fighting that has occurred around it, is Pass and the advice from Veles have

again in the possession of the Rus-revented the hoped-for junction of sians, who evidently let the Germans the Sebrian and French forces. This leaves the Serbians only two lines of retreat, one into Albania, where they

The German attack, which met with may be harassed by unfriendly tribes, tween Portland and California and be-tween the Willamette valley and Cali-failure, as the country around it is a they are in danger of being disarmed and interned.

Canada Asks Concession. Washington, D. C .- Efforts are be-

Panama In Urgent Need.

Chickenpox Is Prevented.

New York-Friends of Wolfgang C. ing made by Canadian capital, it was Triest, a New York contractor, relearned here, to secure from the Nica-raguan government permission to build Triest's son, Kenneth W. Triest, formtive of the Canadian company just re-turned from Managua, where he dis-cussed the subject with President Diaz. away from Princeton and enlisted in Nicaraguan officials are understood to the British navy, was arrested as a have decided against granting the con- German spy and was saved from poscession, but have indicated it might lat- sible execution through representation not responsible for his actions.

Social Leaders to Nurse

Chicago-Twenty women prominen ed instructions to the Panama minister in Chicago society have organized an

large hospitals for instructions,

445 Receiving Pensions.

Carnegie Foundaion in the last year,

The general endowment fund nov

Surrounded by Bulgarians The undertone of the hog market is are firm. inclined to be weak in view of the large receipts of late, but a smaller London - The fact that the Balkar

run is looked for this week than last. situation, both military and diplo-matic, is disquieting, if not critical, is Commenting on the marketing of swine, the Livestock Reporter says: "For the period from November 1 to November 13 there has been nearly believed in London to have led to the visit of the British prime minister, M. Asquith, David Lloyd George and A. 100 per cent gain made in the mar-J. Balfour to Paris for a conference keting. This period last year the total receipts were 11,779, this year with the French cabinet and General for the same period 22, 542, a net gain The main Serbian army, which is of 10,763. For the year to November perating under General Putnik in the north, is now encompassed on every side but one, and, being cut off from

13, 1914, there were received 188,471 and the same period this year 220,267, a gain to November 13 for the year of 31,796, which is a very substantial increase and reflects in the very best way the popularity of the Portland market. It looks as if the total recompany." ceipts for 1915 at the end of this

month will more than equal the total receipts of hogs for the entire year of 1914.

Centralia to Get Big Corporation. Centralia, Wash .- The Prundential Savings & Loan association, a \$2,000. 000 corporation, is being organized here by L. M. Holden, of Seattle, a man experienced in this line of work,

who just completed the organization of the Grays Harbor Savings & Loan association. George Barner, clerk of the school board, will be secretary of the organization and ten prominer men of the city will be numbere among the incorporators. The new company will operate in nine counties in Southwest Washington.

Benton Hogs Grow Fast.

Kennewick, Wash .-- Within the past 3 years the growth of the hog industry in this section has been marvelous. With the advent of the doctrine of di-

versity of crops, about five years ago, the hog industry has been growing un-til now there are literally thousands of hogs produced in Benton county where

hundreds were not grown before. The problem confronting the growers of swine in this section, and which is threatening to destroy the industry, however, is not how to produce hogs, but how to market them

> Storage Butter and Egg Stocks. The national Warehousemen's report, representing 45 large warehouses of the country, shows that November

cases the same date a year ago; an increase of 483,000 cases.

trading in the Oregon hop market this week, and dealers are not so disposed to outbid one another as was the case

"I've known money to alter the outward appearance of people considerably and make radical changes in their mode of living, but their grammar remains much the same."

Practical Poetry.

"What is your favorite poem ?" asked the literary young woman.

"'The Boy Stood on the Burning young man, "I used to recite it every ime father and mother had com pany.

"And did you recite it with effect?" pretty good. He said he honestly be-

Behind the Scenes

"The audience is pretty chilly," remarked the leading lady. "That's right," rejoined the lo comedian, "but I guess the snowstorm

all right."

Rapid Thinker. Mother-Always think twice before you speak.

Tommy-Gee, ma, if you do that yourself you must do some swift thinking when you git goin' for pa."

A Broad Hint.

"Please, mum, ye remember sendin' some brandy to a feller we saved from drownin' last Toosday?" "Yes, what of it?"

"He fell in again today."-Life.

Escaped With His "Load." "Hallo, Bibber, so you got home ast night without being torpedoed? Whadyamean 'torpedoed?'

"Why, you were taking a zig-zag course when I saw you."

Appropriate Fate. "What's become of the clerk you used to have here, named Cannon ?" "I fired him. But where is your old porter, Ball?" "I bounced him."

which is boiled through the heat of **Opportunity De Luxe.** firing, is liable to betray the position "Then he doesn't expect Opports of the gunner, however, and for some nity to knock at his door? time inventors have been busy invent-"No; to interest him, Opportunity ing an air-cooled machine. will have to honk outside with an automobile horn."

A Saving Quality. "He is too much of an egotist

make a faux pas." "What's his being an do with it? "He couldn't so far forget himself."

Disappointed. "Fordy had one great disappoint ment while in Greece."

"What was that?" "He coudin't find anybody that be longed to a Greek letter society."

MACHINE GUN COOLED BY AIR | the cartridges, come out of the barrel they act on these fans and drive them around, causing a continual draft o Declared to Be Superior to Weapons cool air to pass along the barrel. Which Have Hitherto Employed The Lewis takes 48 cartridges at a time, but it can be reloaded in a few Most of the machine guns used in

seconds.-Pearson's.

Check Frauds Busy Last Year. L. W. Gammon, manager of the pro tective department of the American Bankers' association, in his annual re-port, recited that the last year has been active for the protective depart-They have been successful, and the ment owing to the unsettled conditions prevailing throughout the coun-Lewis air-cooled gun is now used by try, which always have a tendency our soldiers. The Lewis gun weighs

only 261% pounds and it can be fired to increase all classes of crime. Trom the shoulder. "There has been no marked in It very much resembles, indeed, an crease in the operations of the prosional operator," Mr. Gammon said, "but there has been a considerable increase in the operations of the diameter on the outside, appearing amateur."

Altogether Different.

The gun is air cooled by a sheath of Someone has said that there are but aluminum, with radiating wings, like an electric fan. This sheath extends few women who are great orators. But beyond the actual barrel of the gun. when it comes to gather affair As the gases, caused by the firing of that's another affair when it comes to great talkers-well

1 there were 77,913,000 pounds of butter in the freezers against 54,478,-

000 pounds the same date a year ago; an increase of 23,435,000 pounds

The holdings of eggs November 1 were 2,826,000 cases against 2,388,000

Oregon Hop Market Is Quiet. There has been a slowing down of