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## POETS IN THE TRENCHES

Poets, playwrights and artistsfighting in the trenches Nothing better demonstrates the brutal wastelu nes of war than does the list given out of well-known french
literary men and artists who are now risking their live in battle.
There are well-known names among those given outnames of men whose special capacity for high service is quite wasted in the trenches, for there they can do not bet ter $w$ good.
Some of these literary lights may, indeed, develo something of military capacity, even something of milltary genius, but the chance that men so highly specialized
along lines wholly different will do either is so small as to along lines wholly differ
be practically negligible.
The grounds on which such men could claim exemption from military duty at a time of national peril are not
easily definable, but to put them on the firing line reveals the senseless waste which war involves more clearly and
strikingly than does the similar use of men of abilities strikingly than does the similar use of men of abilities
ore common, though not less valuable.
The sad spectacle also illustrates and emphasizes further fact that any man is out of his place in a battl
trench. The farmer, the artisan, the clerk, the day la vorer and any other man with capacity for usefulness to the world is wasting that capacity on the battlefield. Al
of the useful and uplifting qualities in human nature go waste in battle
Indeed, the artists, poets and playwrights may return from the war to give the world a new are, a new inderature and a new drama. It is inconceivabe that the dreadud
scenes and heart searings of the front will not work decid ed effects in the future work of the artists and writers who survive
But it will be a new art, a new literature and a ne rama, brutailized
Unfortunately, not all the evils of war end with the
war:
An editorial in these columns the second day of the last week of the legislature recited the circumstances tha explained how it was possible to railroad through meas fions made at that time this session was no exception. No member of either body, with the possible exception of Sen te Leader Day and his corps of assistants, could beg of bills adopted during the elosing hours Saturday nigh and Sunday morning. Everybody wanted to go home and to adjourn. This helter-skelter method of closing up th session with strict requirements regarding the time tha bills shall be placed on the calendar. Voters should ria nember this when the time comes to

Way back in New England they have sent a fellow t
ail who speaks ten languages. Considering what bore ome men are who speak only one language, and that
differently, we are inclined to believe that no mistake w differently, we are inclined to believe that no mistake wa

If some of the fellows who argued long and loudly in 96 about the relation of a bushel of wheat to a dollar could
be on the scene now and take a look at the near two-dolla be on the scene now and take a look at the near two-dolla
rheat, they'd wonder.

An exchange notes that ocasionally people who bur the hatchet are disposed to keept the hammert in use. And
then, when so many people bury their hatchets, how carethen, when so many people bury their hatchets, ho
fully they select each other for burying grounds.

In treating the Spanish as Carranza has done, it is made plain that if the time comes when he will have to
slip away from Mexico to escape the firing squad, he'll not join Diaz and Huerta in the land of their chosen exile.

Two of those needless new circuit judges created by the late legislature have been lopped off.
Withycombe did it with his little veto hatchet.

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## MOVEMENT THAT SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME.

The week commencing March 5 will be known as "Made-in-America Week," a period set aside for the purose of impressing upon Americans the idea that one way is to buy American-made goods. It is a propitious time for such a movement. The des
perate public is willing to do most anything to encourage perate public is willing to do most anything to encourage
the return of prosperity and there never was a time when the return of prosperiry and there never was a time wnen
there was such a scarcity of European goods in our markets, says the Boise, Idaho, Statesman.
this propogando
The more American-made goods we buy, the more en
loyment we furnish for American capital and labor
hat is certainly desirable.
In this connection the public should not lnze sight
heir own town and which have been neglect
It is true that the small manufacturer
pushes his products energetically to the atte
public. He knows how to manufacture, but
poor salesman; but that fact should not whol
individual purchaser of his duty.
Every housewife should inquire regularly in regard to home-made goods, and prices and quality being satisfac
tory, they should be given consideration in any list of pro


## At last accounts the Kansas folks hadn't gone wild

 ace powder and toilet preparations and from wearing earrings in public or having their ears pierced. Oregonwomen, with their natural attractiveness, might pass


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