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BACK
There are many assertions made that we must go
"back to the farm." There is certainly reason behind the assertion, but that seems to be about all. The trouble that every one
the farm stunt.
The truth is
steadily and rapidy more urban and less rural in the ideas. The farm has not enough excitement, not enough
hilarity to satisfy the American craving for "speed." While the question is so generally discussed, and the beauties of farm life so eloquently displayed, the movewith ever increasing activity
The decennial census of the Agricultural Department

## shows figure

encouraging.
In 1880 the urban population was $14,772,438$, and th rural $35,383,345$. The percentage of urban population wa 29.5 and the rural 70.5. . In 1890 the urban population was
$22,720,22$, the rural $40,227,491$ and the percentage respec. $22,720,23$, the rura $40,227,49$ and the percentage respec
tively 36.1 and 63.9. In 1900 the cities had $30,797,185$ and the country 45,197,390, the percentage being 40.5 and 59.5. In 1910 the cities had a population of i2,62,3,3,3,
and the country $49,398,883$, the percentage being 46.3 for and the country 49.398 .88, , the percentage being 46.3 for
the cities and 5.3 for the farms
If the increase in population for the past six years has If the increase in population for the past six years has
kept pace with the ten years previous and the proportion kept pace with the ten years previous and the proportion
of those going to the cities and country has remained the same, then there are now in the cities about $49,000,000$ and on the farms about $51,00,000$. By another year or
two at the most at the same rate of increase the populatwo at the most at the same rate of increase the popula
tion will be about evenly divided between the cities and the countr
Between 1880 and 1910 the cities showed a gain of 200 per cent, while the gain in the country was 40 per e the This is not a cheerfuvementing for advocates of the Another showing made by this same censs, and of these
number of farms in 1880 was 2,$984 ; 306$, and 1,024,601 were operated by tenants; or about 25 per cent In 1910 the number of farms had
and of tenants to $2,564,676$, during the same period. The number of cans ted by tenants had increased more tha 100 per cent. This shows the tendency of the farm own ers to live in the cities and get away from the farms. Still another showing that is far from cheering to the bercentage of farms mortgaged was 28.2 in 1910 this had nereased to 33.6, or about 20 per cent. here in Oregon the showing is far more unsatisfactory. Portland recently stated that the increase in population in the state since the census of 1910 was 259,229 , and the country 46,069. Portland got 45 per cent, the othe cities 38 per cent and the country 17 .
cities 38 per cent and the country morths there is a con-
Down in Portland every few mont vention or gathering of some kind for the purpose of corThe intent is all right and commendable, but the trouble is that Portland does not seem to know where the mai is the principal cause. Some time she will get wise to this and assist in correcting the evil, for it is nothing less than that.
As the Capital Journal stated sometime ago the great est trouble is that the state has too much paunch for legs to carry and Portland is it,

The Southern Pacific is getting nedicine. It has let a contract for building 3,000 ca and has purchased the lumber with which to build them rom the Springfield mill. It finds though that it cannot get no more cars.

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

## The Oregonian talks and pietures "pork" daily a hough it was something new, and a democratic discovery

 The fact is the republican party has peddled as much alking of pork it is pretty difficult sometimes to tell por from veal. Witness the avidity with which Portlandreaches after $\$ 70,000$ of the road fund appropriated by congress for building roads in the state, for the purpose of expending it on the Columbia Highway. At the same time other parts of the state want it just as badly, and
of course they cannot all get it. To the one that succeeds of course they cannot all get it. To the one that succeeds
it will be nice tender veal, but to all the others the rankest kind of pork. The Oregonian admits Portland is selfish and lest it be overlooked, the Capital Journal will admit
for its part that all the other places are selfish too, unless some way can be found for expending most of it around
Salem which would be proper and right. We confess that and have nothing porcine about it. It is the same way kinds. They are never pork to those who
them. Congressman Hawley just now has
because the demand for it is too great for the supply. To
be exact as to its facts the Oregonian should have the big republican elephant herding the hog in its

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ner If Mrs. Alexander, who for some time has been prin
cipal of the Benson Polytechnic school of Portland, a who by the way insists she still holds such positi
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on the public. Under the law as it now exist
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not in turn be bound. The teacher can make
Which he or she can compel the board to fulfill,
the teacher need not pay any attention to. The which
orks a hardship on the school districts since the direc-
tors can never feel certain their teacher will stay to the
end of the contract term. This is a recent I
then, for a contract that binds one party and leaves the
nudum pactum." $\qquad$
Charles T. Daly, vice president of th
500,000 damages for alienating the
daughter from William R. Barnett her husban
olks' affections are worth more than others but Som
folks' affeetions are worth more than others, but half a
million seems rather high for the average. It is noticed
hough that affections in such cases are valued not by what they are worth, but by what the fellow who does he alienating is worth

Senator LaFollette was the only republican voting
with the democrats in the settlement of the railroad strike. The returns from the Wisconsin primaries held yesterday, indicate he has been nomated, after a bitter fight against him, by probably patters in this, we rejoice with them.

It seems positively settled now that Greece will either ome out on the side of the entente allies-or take some formation but it seems to be about the best the war cor respondents at Rome can furnish.
 Just think of falling a whole mile earth in an airship dering what the lighting was going to be

Every condition has its compensation. The small boy
realizes that time flies fast as school time approaches, but realizes that time flies fast as school t
then that helps hurry up the circus.


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I took Jim and Joe afar, in my dark green lads, genial, smiling, free with scads, popular with maids and men, gents you're glad to meet again. Touring
all your failigs fyour worst or best; it will all your failings find, if you are the ten cent kind. Jim was cheerful all the way; small
reverses made him gay, and discomforts reverses made him gay, and discomforts made him smile, in the optimistic style. Joe
was grumbling all the time; said my driv-

> ing was a crime; when the car ran in the ditch, he complained, in doleful pitch: every time smashed a tire, or got foundered in the mire, Joseph shocked the little birds with his redhot line of words. have had enough of Joe; and no matter where I go, you wish to know the truth touching some uncertain youth, take him with you on a trip; note how he retains his grip when you hurtle through the dust, and your tires

