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OREGON COUNTRY ESCAPES DEPRESSION.

Although financiers assured everyone this presidential year would in no way affect business, it is now a matter of record that these financiers were a trifle wrong in their conclusions. Trade conditions have been slowing up for some little time and those who are doing business on a large scale are forced to admit that the exhibit sheet is far from being what it was a year and two years ago. This is not to be taken with a dark view for Oregon, however, as the crops for the coming season have been doubly insured because of the moisture and with good crops Oregon will not feel the depression. That is, the country will not. A period of slow times will affect the city. Portland, for instance, is now overloaded with people who are not working. A great number of them do not want work, to be sure, while another per cent will not leave the city to find work in the

country. Regardless of the cause of idleness it nevertheless exists and this means that there are a number of learners for the lifters to care for, as Ella Wheeler Wilcox would put it. But good crops, sane legislation and careful management will bring the state out of any depression that may occur.

HOUSE CLEANING DEMANDED.

Taxpayers leagues are organizing all over the state and Union county was among the first. In every county the cry against burdensome tax is heard, and every county is demanding a house-cleaning at Salem. Our state is costing too much money to maintain and operate. Our higher schools are too expensive for the value they give, and we are loaded down with an army of useless commissioners. Let us use the initiative, if you please, and cut off about forty of the sixty commissions in Oregon. Let us look into the state's expenses. Many blame the legislature. The legislature has been some at fault, but not entirely, oh, no not by any means. Here is the procedure. When a legislature meets every institution in the state has its budget of expense made out and with a lobby begins log-rolling. The demand is for more money, more money. An average legislature has no conception of what is needed to run the insane asylum or any other state institution and he has no chance to learn it in the brief time he is at Salem. A movement is always on at Salem to bewilder the layman, anyhow, and see that he does not find out too much. How many men in Union county could go into the state house and find out any particular bit of information regarding state expense? Very few, for the routine is complex that unless a man is onto his job he will be steered into several by-paths and avenues and finally land without equipping himself with the facts. Let the taxpayers go deeply into these things, for the poor fellow who serves in the legislature, while he may have his faults and be guilty of many things, is ever at the mercy of superintendents and log-rollers who want to have large appropriations made. The legislature does not spend a cent of the state's money, except the meager salaries. All the heavy appropriations are spent by other fellows. Keep this in mind

THE LAW OF WORK.

The poet Cowper voiced a great truth when he said: "Absence of occupation is not rest. A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed." This fact is emphasized by Dean Herman Schneider of the College of Engineering in Cincinnati, when he differentiates between work which either strengthens or enfeebles; either energizes or enervates the worker. The dean says: "It is unquestionable that much of the present state of industrial unrest is nature's protest against work without light, physical and mental. It is this purely automatic, high pressure work in closely crowded rooms which is the most ominous feature of modern industrialism." Dean Schneider voices the same truism of Cowper when he says there is a great natural law of labor which operates as surely as the law of

gravity; that it can be shown by history that a people who will not work will fall to swift decay; and that the substance of the law of labor is: Work and you will reach a higher mental development; cease work and you will degenerate. This law applies to individuals, to communities, to nations and to civilizations.

It is the law laid down by Capt. John Smith to the gentlemen colonists of Virginia: "Either work or starve." It is the phrasing of Lowell: "No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him." It is the scriptural command which thundered through Eden: "In the sweat of thy brow thou shalt eat bread."

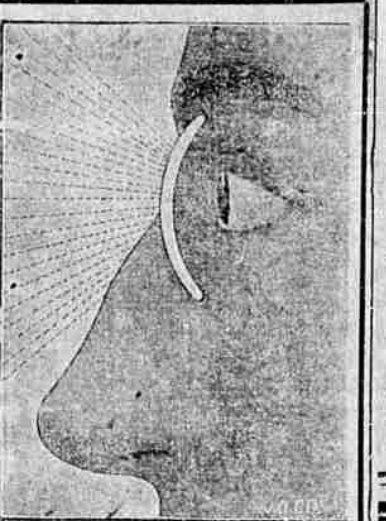
Whether the dean's theory that the different kinds of work may be analyzed in accordance with the relative amounts of energizing or enervating elements, and then apportioned to every worker in equal amounts can ever be worked out, is a problem. But when the individual can be induced to make his own differentiation and apportionment, then society will hear less about the Utopian schemes of well meaning but poorly balanced social propagandists.

Women have raised several thousand dollars to be used in carrying Wisconsin for suffrage. Their method suggests that they now know enough to be permitted to vote.

Moines police will not arrest intoxicated persons hereafter but will take them home. Luckless husbands. Here is certainly a sample of most rigid "blue laws."

Barbers' colleges in Missouri must give their students a two-years' course. They had asked permission to shave time.

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