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THE POINT OF VIEW.

Truth is truth, always. But partial truths, or half truths, may be dangerously misleading. It is so especially as to sociological or economic facts.

This statement is suggested by a letter from Mr. C. E. S. Wood, printed yesterday. In this letter the idea that "economic reform is the basis of all reform" is made prominent.

So, when we attempt to force democratic institutions or corporate government upon tropical peoples we undertake what is utterly unsuited to their character.

Among other things, we are making the mistake of trying to give the Filipino a political education when what he needs is industrial help.

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A STUDY OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Mr. Alleyne Ireland offers in the Atlantic Monthly a study of conditions in the Philippine Islands. He has made frequent and very careful examinations of the Philippines, and his conclusions are based on a study of the country which has been made in the most thorough manner.

JASON LEE'S HISTORICAL BARK.

Jason Lee founded the first permanent American settlement in the Oregon Country just seventy years ago. He was a Methodist missionary, zealous, intense, but withal visionary, like other evangelists of the period.

SCHEME THAT FAILED.

This has been a bad year for the crop statisticians who from the seclusion of their two-by-four offices in Portland figured the harvest of Oregon, Washington and Idaho at \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 bushels.

Biggest Man in the World.

Theodore Roosevelt, who has just reached the age of 46, is decidedly the most powerful personality, old or young, whom the world sees today.

Warning to Republican Bosses.

The wise man already casting about for a man to beat Governor Chamberlain, if the Republicans put up the right kind of a man he will be elected, but the man who will do this is not the man who will do this.

Albany Covets a Neighbor's Prize.

Marion is a good enough county to make a good showing at a county fair of her own. If the state fair is held this year, it will probably be properly classified as a Marion County fair.

Best Opinion of Mr. Lawson.

Miss Gilder thinks Hall Caine ought to bear a grudge against Mr. Lawson. Mr. Caine's latest novel has been running serially in the same magazine with Mr. Lawson's translated fiction.

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at anchor in every port on the Pacific Coast. An unusual movement of wheat by rail to the Eastern States has, of course, reduced the amount of wheat available for export from tidewater, but this movement, great as it has been, was insufficient to account for the disappearance of from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels of wheat which the foreign shipowner had led himself to believe actually existed. Fortunately for the farmers, this Eastern movement was of sufficient volume to thwart the efforts of the freight boomers, but had it not been for this abnormal condition of affairs, the scheme of the shipowner and his subsidized statisticians would have been more successful.

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