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to carry the weak and insolent. But so soon as you immerse in the principle of merit and work that principle into the plan—the principle of granting to each one the whole and full profit of his individual work, and measure this profit according to intelligence, industry and actual desert—you have scattered to the winds the spirit of this social democracy, and socialism will have no further charm for anybody.

Every laughing sobor fact to occur, cries to weakness as to strength. "Ye are equals, equal-born!" Equal born? Oh, yes, if tender hill be level with the flat. Charm us, orator, till the lion look no larger than the cat!

THE REED AND THE OAK. Shillshally continues to be the order of the day in Russia, and the Car appears to be blown about by every wind of reform or of reaction.

Changes such as these reveal the inherent weakness of the Car. His impulses appear to be good, but they are abandoned or forgotten before they reach the point of execution.

Unstable as water, the Car, in circumstances such as these, turns to a strong man, reluctantly, perhaps, but inevitably. De Witte is the strong man.

Standing by the freshly-cut stump of an Oregon fir in the Cascade Range, a diameter of five feet was exposed to an observer. Counting the rings in the stump, 167 were plain.

THE JUVENILE COURT. A feature of the Governor's message, and one which appeals to humanity and justice and will be indorsed by thoughtful and humane people generally, is that which treats of and recommends the establishment, in connection with our state judiciary, of juvenile courts.

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tion in manual and industrial training, instead of placing them in purely punitive institutions. It is believed, and indeed experiment has proven, that a large majority of juvenile delinquents thus treated can be saved to themselves and the state, who would otherwise be lost to themselves and become a burden upon and a menace to society.

The passing of another pioneer is recorded in the death of Mrs. Mary E. Gibson, of Clackamas county. Her husband died many years ago. Mrs. Gibson died on a donation land claim near Nedy in 1852.

OUR SOUTHERN RICE CROP. In a recent report by the Department of Agriculture the rice crop of the country for the year 1904 is given, in figures that follow:

Table with 3 columns: State, Area (Acres), Production (Bushels). Includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Total United States.

The rice product of the Carolinas, once the chief seat of the industry in the United States, is now relatively small. The decrease in the South Atlantic States during some years past has been relatively as great as the increase in the Gulf States.

It is unpleasant to discover in the Tacoma Ledger's account of the great red-apple campaign at Olympia obvious signs of dissatisfaction with the methods pursued by Hon. Charles Sweeney.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. The long-deserted whipping-post has awakened to find itself popular once more. Employers in the office of the County Treasurer at Seattle must address their boss as "Mr. Gormley."

Yesterday's true story of the girl who unwittingly swiped a ribbon from a department store by entangling it on a decorative plant she was carrying, has brought forward a similar story, also true. This time it was a very tall girl, who bent over the counter to examine some article.

A Spokane woman is alleged to have set fire to eight houses in three months. Evidently she thought the insurance companies had money to burn.

Far from being grateful for the seeds sent him by a generous Nation, the editor of the Independence Enterprise says the gift but rubs it into him that he is a country editor.

Although they haven't been saying much about it late, safe-blowers in this part of the state have been blowing about their business a good deal.

Instead of shooting the girl who refused to marry him, a Frenchman in Vancouver, B. C., put an end to his own life, an infinitely preferable method of expressing his disappointment.

Titles are dear to the American heart, and naval circles appear to be much stirred up over the question of right to the use of the prefix "Rear-Admiral."

The Idaho Legislature wants it understood that it doesn't play poker, at least not very well.

"Port Arthur" is a new play being produced in New York. It should make more than a one-night stand.

Getting Information Out of Pa. Council Bluffs Newsman. My pa, he didn't go downtown. Law evening after tea, but got a book an' settled down.

And so I asked him why the world is round, instead of square. And why the piglets' tails are curled. And why don't fish breathe air?

PLEBEIAN RULING PATRICIANS. Career of De Witte. Albeit Man in Ranks, Who is Expected to Succeed Sviatopolk-Mirsky as a Minister of the Interior.

De Witte's return to power has been expected ever since Besobroff, the adventurer who supplanted him, was dismissed in disgrace, but the utter impossibility of von Plehve and De Witte working together harmoniously caused those who attempted to forecast the situation to look for von Plehve's dismissal.

De Witte's return to power will mean a great deal more than the personal success of a very able man, at least if it would mean a great deal more under representative government.

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BITS OF OREGON LIFE. Occupation for Grandpa Redburg. Oregon Corr. Tillamook Herald. Mr. Porter will soon have the new brick bus and Redburg's house completed.

Mr. Crow's Educational Activity. Oregon Corr. Tillamook Herald. Mr. Crow, our schoolteacher, is teaching in the winter months during recess and noon.

Wanted a Good Judge of Dogs. Astoria Astorian. Chief Hallock is looking for a competent, sober, industrious man for the position of dogcatcher.

Sympathy for Rev. Mr. Pettyjohn. Newberg Graphic. Sympathizers with Rev. R. Pettyjohn in his troubles as recorded in last week's Graphic, passed a subscription paper amounting to \$100.00.

The Intelligence in a Hand. Helen Keller in the Century. In all my experiences and thoughts I am conscious of a hand.

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