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PLUTOCRACY IN THE SADDLE.

The extraordinary decision of Judge Humphreys granting immunity to the packers may be reversed by a higher court. It is not, however, a dispensation for the packers from the pains and penalties of the Sherman anti-trust law.

INADEQUATE COAST DEFENSE.

The United States Army lacks men to man the guns mounted in the harbor ports of the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. It lacks not only officers and privates, but engineers, firemen, plotters, observers and planters—men skilled in the duties relating to the complicated mechanism of modern armament.

GERMANY'S MEAT SUPPLY.

From Berlin comes the report that, owing to the high price of meat, the people have been driven to eating cats and dogs as well as large quantities of horseflesh. Prussian slaughter-house statistics show that in 1905 there were butchered for consumption 97,000 horses and 1073 dogs.

HEARD AT 2 P. M.

The family influence counts in college discipline the better. Perhaps the Corvallis faculty has learned the lesson sufficiently well already, but others may still need it.

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Garfield under such circumstances that if they lied to him they were guilty of perjury. The first half of this question the Judge discusses in his extraordinary decision; the second half he ignores.

FOR PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

President Roosevelt's remarks to Mr. Gompers and the delegation of laboring men were reasonable. Making no appeal to passion or prejudice, he addressed them as one sensible man talks to others.

VALENCIA DISASTER FINDINGS.

The Canadian commission appointed to investigate the loss of the Valencia has reported findings. The verdict appears to be strictly in accordance with the testimony published in detail in the newspapers.

When Speech Was Golden.

Judge's Magazine of Fun. A ventriloquist now famous was at one time so hard up that he had to walk from New York to Philadelphia.

How He Saw It.

Wife—"This book says that in India it is the custom to bury the living wife with her dead husband. Isn't it terrible?" Husband—"Indeed it is! The poor husband—even death brings him no release."

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