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NO JOB FOR ONE MAN.

In another column Mr. B. E. Preston asks for certain statistics which we regret we are unable to supply. We know of no Government figures that tell the total amount of wealth produced in this country—considering wealth to be not only the product of muscle but of brain as well.

It would be a fine thing, without going into a very exhaustive inquiry, to ascertain whether the laborer in question, if robbed at all, was robbed by his employer or by those from whom he purchased his necessities, or by both, through greed of profits.

The taxpayer will squirm when he reads the Mayor's budget. But what is he going to do about it? The public, which pays the taxes, insists on a higher plane of living for the city. The cost of living to the average family is 50 per cent higher than it was ten years ago.

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Oregon will expect those who come here to do better by her soil than they have done in other states—to conserve its fertility by modern methods of farming, instead of exhausting it.

Pushing Roosevelt into the Race. Mr. Norman E. Mack is near the seat of hostilities and may be presumed to know a thing or two about the political situation in New York.

Mr. Roosevelt has made an avowal of that kind which has escaped the notice of all observers—namely, that he will not back Mr. Mack, as National Democratic Committeeman for New York, may be able to see things others cannot see.

Mr. Roosevelt's only recent authentic utterance about the Presidency is his letter to the Pittsburg editor wherein he discouraged any movement to secure his nomination and insisted that "every friend do everything in his power to prevent any movement looking toward any agitation or movement for my nomination."

The letter in the identical language of the Pittsburg letter, or in very similar language, is to have been received recently by an editor in Washington.

Mr. Mack's fancies grow from his desires. A Roosevelt boom under Mack auspices will get no farther than the famous second-class election crusade of 1908 under other auspices.

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bodily troubles, but the dangers connected with the application of thought in Mrs. Wilcox's sense of it to therapeutic uses are so grave that upon the whole they seem fairly to outweigh the benefits. It is unfortunate that this agency should have been spoken of as "thought."

In its original use as "thought" the art of medicine consisted entirely of "mental healing." The medicine man never dreamed of administering drugs. He relied entirely upon incantations, prayer and the like.

The development of civilization, the use of these agencies has come to rely more and more upon material means. This is parallel with the development of civilization in other directions. A little reflection will convince anybody that in the last few centuries our reliance upon all sorts of occult powers has declined while we trust more and more to material inventions informed with intelligent thought.

When the parole and pardon policy of our emotional Governor goes wrong and he becomes the target for criticism, it is but human nature—just weak human nature—for him to attempt to shield himself by suppressing news of the misdeeds of his honor men.

No doubt speculations of this sort about the medicine of the future are pretty nearly superfluous. The greatest triumphs of science have been in the direction of preventing disease, not curing it, and this process will go on until it comes to the point where it will be seldom heard of.

Tammany is not friendly to Woodrow Wilson, which may or may not be surprising. But Tammany is not the whole Democratic party in New York. There is Hearst. Doubtless Hearst ought to be for whomsoever or whatsoever Tammany is against.

The Wilson boom is having rough sledding in the extreme East where the vote are.

The Puget Sound country is afflicted with a storm and flood such as that which has put the Seattle water system out of commission frequently.

Professor Woodman's remarks upon sugar as an article of diet ought to interest temperance reformers. He says that it is the most available source of energy we have, and it is so rapidly assimilated by the body that it acts as a positive stimulant.

Mrs. Hetty Green, of Wall Street, is perennially young. Age cannot wither her nor dollar-grabbing state. Successful financiers are apt to live a good old age, but not so apt as philosophers and preachers.

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Senator Bourne's Advice. Wants Republicans to Write to National Committee on William M. McMINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 19.—(To the Editor.)—The advantages offered and inducements still being formulated by state officials and others to people to become inmates of our state prison are becoming so attractive that a number of us here in Yamhill County begin to doubt the wisdom of plodding along our usual vocations, as producers and taxpayers.

We have been too busy of late years in cultivating and improving our farms to devote much time to some of the things enumerated above. We have decided on taking a course in Mr. James' institution, provided we can rent our farms out to some of the graduates in the agricultural college from West.

It would, of course, be somewhat of an experiment with us at first and before enrolling we would want "O. S." to agree to let us or occasionally to drop in week in Portland or for all time if we do not like the place, and if in order to stop opposition to the school here, we should have to ship out a trustful pair of old stiff would ask that he agree to us having a shorter term, provided we do not care for the full course.

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Nitts on Power of Prayer. Necessus Nitts, of Punkindorf Station, Whose death, when it comes, will hang crops on the Nation. And ruin the plug trust beyond reparation. And fill all the insects with joy and our usual vocations, as producers and taxpayers.

Members one Fall when the mist was so thick. It made even the oldest of webfooters sick. It hindered the harvest of hops and pertainers. And hid the skins of the prunes and tamarins. The mossbacks was kicking and cursing leeches. Their Fall hatch of nits was a teetotal loss.

Then, one day, there pranced into Punkindorf Station. A party that fired us with hopes of salvation. Our hearts that was dripping and dreamed was uplifted. Because the man said he was that away gifted. His wish brought the sunshine and till he should call. On the Lord, I permit it no rain wouldn't fall.

Well, we made no bones 'bout it but 'lowed to this party. Who said he was Welsh though his name was McArtly. Make yourself right to hum 'ere in Punkindorf Station. We'll treat you like you was a rich old relation. We'll give you for breakfast our double-baked eggs. And for dinner our chicks with the yallerest legs.

But the prayer sharp said no, he was called for to go. Down south where there warn't no rainfall or snow. He went, and he loved Punkindorf Station. 'Twas the homeliest spot in the hull of creation. But a voice in his 'ards was pulling and warning; He could tarry no more, he must leave in the morning.

It was then that St. Perkins, our Sheriff, took hold. And I tell ye old St. was no manner of doer. Said he to this party whose name was McArtly, "You're needed right here and you stays 'ere till the Fall chores are over and done. You stays and you prays for the shine of the sun."

'Til put you in jail so this voice that you say. Is pulling and hauling can't pull you take pains. You eats when it shines and you don't eat when it rains. Well, the sunshine chat bluffed and blew up quite a lot. But St had a mind that was molish and set.

I don't jest recall what sum Punkindorf Station. Paid out for the man's keep that joyous occasion. How often he eat I now quite disremember. But would let him out sometime 'long in December. I shure recollect he was thin as a shadder; And made in a hornet he was, only madder.

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