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WHY THIS ALARM?

Recent speeches of President-elect Wilson have spread alarm among certain Eastern newspapers that he cherishes dire designs of radical assault on the business interests of the country. It is difficult to conceive what cause exists for this alarm. Wilson's latest speeches, all of the same general tenor, have been only what might be expected of a man nominated distinctly as a progressive on the Democratic platform. His speeches are general in their terms; they do not propound any specific

At Staunton Wilson said that men who legislate for sectional advantage would have to be mastered; that business men must give full value for value received and must not expect to get something for nothing: that he objected to monopoly; that the Government must safeguard the rights of men who cannot struggle to the top; and that he would fight for these principles. At Chicago he condemned exclusion from bank credit those against whom the inner circle discriminates; he said that all should have equal acto the resources of the country and to the justice of the country; that honest men were at a disadvantage in business; that business must be free from every feature of monopoly and must be based on genuine capital. Trenton he said he would pick only progressives to aid him; that he welomed a change of attitude among siness men, a yielding "to that great impulse that now moves the whole people of the United States," but that he would fight those who resisted this

What is there in this to alarm any honest man who means to deal justly and to obey the law? In fighting monopoly, restoring competition, compelling just dealing, he will only con-tinue to do what Taft has been doing and would still have done, had Taft been re-elected. In enforcing equality of opportunity, equal justice for rich and poor, he will but carry out the principles to which all parties are pledged. His attitude is conciliatory; he is not spoiling for a fight, for he welcomes a disposition of some who have been disregarding the law to change their conduct. But he is ready to use the whip against recalcitrants, as Taft has used it.

None need tremble on reading Wilson's words except those who should be made to tremble. Would they have their fears quieted, let them go to him as penitents, forsake the ways of monopoly, and give value for value The cry of alarm which goes up from certain quarters suggests a guilty conselence, a shrinking culprit whom only To such Wilson promises evil ways. no mercy and the country will applaud

GOV. WEST TO THE LEGISLATURE.

In a message to the Legislature a Governor cannot be expected to give his ideas in exhaustive detail on all the many subjects it is his duty to discuss. It would have been pleasing, however, had Governor West enlarged a little on some of the most important topics embraced in his biennial advice to the lawmaking body.

The good roads problem is dealt with charily, for example. Yet in view of the Governor's veto of a constructive road programme two years ago less have been interesting, as the present Legislature will desire that any plan it adopts shall finally become ef-

workers and conventions have been at work on a number of important subjects of legislation such as workmen's compensation, judicial revision. insurance code revision, irrigation, minimum wage, widows' pension, but the Legislature is in the dark as to whether the Governor has any opinlons at variance with the important details embraced in the complex measures and recommendations already prepared and given publicity. As to care of the unfortunate and criminal classes he has a good deal

A charitable and progressive spirit in this respect is certainly to be commended, but the general public upon the attention of the lawmakers. It is learned from the message that the time has at last arrived for the friends of the Oregon system to cor-rect its defects. It has been a long wait for the accepted day and the Legislature will no doubt be complimented by the implication that it may be trusted in this important work. Only one small detail is named, howover, as needing change. The signa-tures on initiative and referendum pe-

suggestion is good as far as it earth in ample measure to feed all of but the change would cure only goes, but the change would cure only part of the evil of paid petition-hawking; it would not prevent the suppression of petitions by use of

We trust that he who attempts to get at the basis of direct legislative abuses without impairing the principle involved will not by that act alone lose his identity as a friend of the system. The stand-pat representatives

of a minority that purposes to fasten its own ideas upon the majority will not hesitate to make such the result of effort honestly to improve the direct legislative method. But we shall not hastily put the Governor in alignment with these busy experimenters. Per-haps, in recommending only one scant improvement, he is merely feeling his way into what some have been led, by the protests of a noisy few, to believe ls dangerous territory.

LAND AND WATER GRABBERS The Indians form only a fraction of Interior Department's care. The man who is to fill this post will have charge of a do-main larger and more valuable than many European kingdoms. It all belongs to the people of the United States, and it is entirely surrounded by persons and corpo tions who are steadily bent on steal some of it.—Collier's Weekly.

Here, bluntly and coarsely stated, is the ultra-conservationist's view of the settler, the homesteader, the squatter and the power and colonization concorns that have developed the great West. They have stolen, or are steal-ing, or desire to steal, something from the United States Government. They are not homebuilders, but felons; not farmers, but outlaws; not irrigationists, but thieves; not community developers, but organized land and water-power grabbers.

The problem of the West is to get the lands settled and cultivated, the water-powers appropriated and developed, and the forests logged and made into lumber. Yet the Government is directed by the conservationists of the East to withhold its lands, streams and forests from use on the extraordinary ground that the way to make a nation great is to balk and to stigmatize as criminals the men who by their labor and their money would reclaim the wastes, populate the wilds and utilize the water powers.

The pioneers "steadily bent on stealing" some of the public domain made up the great Western movement that left the Atlantic seaboard and built their pioneer cabins on the public domain of the great Middle West and of the Pacific Coast. But for them the United States would today be in greatest part a tremendous wilderness barren plain.

FORCE DISGUISED AS LAW.

The Boise Statesman complains that the news accounts sent from that city as to the State Supreme Court's decision against the recalcitrant editors misrepresented the facts, insofar as it was stated that the insolent journalists were sent to jail for printing the Roosevelt telegram and "criticising" the judges. The Statesman declares that "it was not criticism that formed the basis of the court's action, but maligning the court, and broad insinuations that its decrees were dictated by predatory corporate and mendacious political interests." We apprehend that the public un

derstands the Idaho case pretty well, though yellow correspondents may have sought to drag in the revered name of Colonel Roosevelt and make it appear that he is the real object of the court's punitive wrath.

The facts are, broadly, that the

court rendered a decision and was bitterly assailed by a hostile newspaper. The court then undertook upon its own initiative to punish its critics by making constructive contempt out of plain libel. The real position of the court is that the editors, after the actual decision, defamed the judges; it is not that they committed contempt by any endeavor to influence the court's action, or interfered with its processes, or impeached its decorum while in session, or in any other than a purely technical way made any comment whatever on a case still pending. They libeled and scandalized the court for what it had done, not for what it was doing or purposed to do.

If the action of the Idaho court, in

citing these editors for contempt, prosecuting them, passing as jurors on the facts, sentencing them as judges to jail, was not an arbitrary exhibition of force under the thin disguise of law, what was it?

INCREASING THE BACE.

to find some means of stopping the are thrown out of office? decrease in the birth rate mark a re-action from the gloomy theory of Mal- the supervisors are not expensive ofthe population of the earth tended to increase faster than the food supply and would soon overtake subsistence, but for the check of vice and starvation, unless the human race practiced self-restraint. He therefore believed that there was no hope of amelioration in the condition of the poor.

Against this gospel of pessimism later generations have set the gospel of optimism, which holds that the productive capacity of the earth can be increased to keep pace with but to improve on our present standard of living.

A glance back at the last century justifies this belief. The standard of comfort of the poor is now much higher than in the decade immediately following the battle of Waterloo, though the population of the British Isles has multiplied threefold. A much larger population of the people is comparatively easy in these days of was on the verge of starvation then Fietcherism, but who wants to underthan now. Steam and electricity have disproved the doctrine of Malthus, New discoveries, such as wireless telegraphy and aeroplanes, have follow so quickly that we may reasonably expect others to follow, all encouraging the hope that invention will contires on illinative and in the second ing the nope that the fruits of the littles should be confined to those of the tinue to multiply the fruits of the

GOOD ADVICE AND BAD. suppression of petitions by use of Hanging as a penalty for misleading money; it would not avoid defeat of the President, as recommended by money; it would not avoid defeat of the President, as recommended by the majority will by submission of a Representative Sims, would be pretty among the farmers as in town and multiplicity of measures on the same severe, but would it bring about the underly day. Not long ago The Oregonian had joker, nor initiative log-rolling, nor give information or advice to the subject; it would not forestall the desired result? If a man could only joker, nor initiative log-rolling, nor give information or advice to the resubmission of measures known not President at the risk of his neck, most dred country churches had been shut to be desired by the people, nor the of those who had no personal end to up in Kansas within a year or two. A of raising large defense serve and whose advice was, therefore, funds against attack upon the state's safest to follow would be discouraged financial credit by foreign experithe other hand, the men with schemes,

or misrepresentation. He is the one and its artistic interior and the starved man chosen among over 90,000,000 worship of the country town? It is man chosen among over 90,000,000 worship of the country town? It is because of his presumed ability to do this. It is inevitable that he blunder occasionally, but if he there is a suffer from the popularity of the country town? occasionally, but if he blunders fre-quently or habitually, it is because he lacks the faculty to distinguish good advice from bad. He must take the not be surprised to learn that a moveadvice from bad.

his presumed ability to do the work, the country. The mission of the au-power is placed directly in his hands tomobile to the farmer and his family chosen on account of their capacity.

If our people err in the choice of a pletion in the mysterions inner sanctures the caneequences. In a limited monarchy they have no right to choose the King, hence guard them; selves against the possibility of his tyranny or incapacity by depriving him of actual power and reposing that power in their chosen representatives.

The essence of a republic is popular sovereignty, with which is necessarily included popular responsibility. The model.

The same annead of the calentation and be sacred from the world. This is one of the most into chose the King, hence guard them; between the capacity of education is the beautiful lines of construction. The same is true with quality. The same is true with prunes and other fruits and hops which grow in magines that he has the best and latest that ingenuity can devise. But he is mistaken. Not only are the 1914 my community and of my acquaintance who are worthy of the best of the consumer's site of th by the Constitution and he must exercise it and be personally responsible.

A constitutional King succeeds to the ture in the United States is Detroit

those rulers' unwise choice of advis-

some danger of repeal at this session of the cars is more convenient. state. It would be particularly unfor- does not apply to automobiles. tunate for the rural population, whose educational interests have always been neglected. The country schools need competent supervision at least the purchaser his money's competent supervision at least as vitally as the city schools, and this act is about the first attempt on record to great deal more.

We are in a position to mention defi-nitely some of the good points of the supervisors' activity. For instance, they have saved money for the country districts by giving advice about the

purchase of books and apparatus.

Persons who are at all familiar with rural schools know how prone the diappliances which it sorely needs are have said, will not work. Now we not provided. The rural supervisors have done a great deal to better this state of affairs. Under their quiet management the districts are spending their funds for the supplies which are of daily use in the school work. But that is not all. The supervisors are efforts of the French government is to look after it if the supervisors

NEW AUTOMOBILES.

"When it is January," said Henry Ward Beecher in one of his sermons, "April is not far off." In another month Spring will be here, or if not dicating the position of the Republ quite here it will be so near that can party as the progressive party. increase in population, unchecked by everybody will be getting ready for it. war, famine, pestilence, vice or even moral restraint. It holds that the pow. As the time for sunny skies and pow. As the time for sunny skies and pow. growing of two blades of grass where one grew before justifies the birth of two babies where one was born before. It holds that, as necessity is the the blooms of May, Some of the great mother of invention, need of food will weeklies have put out automobile num-prompt man to find new articles of bers where the reader may luxuriate at food and new ways of increasing the products of the soil. It holds that so latest models and picture to himself the far as we can forecast the future, the joys of owning a \$10,000 car and driv-food-producing capacity of the earth ing it far and wide throughout the can be increased indefinitely and in a world. Every true American is resolved degree sufficient not only to maintain, in his heart to own a car sooner or later. If he has to mortgage his house to get it, well and good. What is a mere house in a world barren of delight? The man who has no car feels as grotesque in modern America as a gue who goes to an elite dinner in his work-a-day coat. The automobile has become the earmark of the civilized human being. To live without dining take to live without his motor?

The actual number in use of these vehicles so modern and so marvelous, is one to every 110 of the population in the United States. In Denver there is an electric car for every 217 inhabitants, to say nothing of gas motors No doubt the capital of Colorado is a singularly pleasure-loving city, where wealth more abounds than it does elsewhere, but the figures are significant. Relatively speaking, in those parts of the country where roads are at all decent, motors are as common correspondent explained the phenom-enon by telling us that the people had not become trreligious all of a sudden, but that with their new automo-biles they had taken up going to town

suffer from the popularity of the gaso-line vehicle. The country store and

consequences in the shape of public ment had started among the farmers to live in the suburbs of the big cities There is no real analogy between and go to their land every morning in the President of the United States and a constitutional King in this respect. do this or they will manage somehow our President is elected because of Our President is elected because of to create the best of city conditions in

sovereignty, with which is necessarily pretty well completed for the 1915 included popular responsibility. The people cannot escape the consequences last Summer supposed that they were included popular responsibility. The model. Those who bought their cars people cannot escape the consequences of an unwise choice of rulers, nor of getting excellent bargains and in most those rulers' unwise choice of advisers. We cannot enjoy the ballot without paying the penalty for its unwise of exercise. Our present degree of efficiency in its exercise is the fruit of a thousand years' experience and we have many times paid dearly for that experience.

RURAL SUPERVISORS.

It appears that the law providing for supervision of rursal schools stands in cases they were. For the modern ausupervision of rural schools stands in than last year and the entire structure of the Legislature. If that should be general rule that we must pay more done, it would be unfortunate for the and get less for our dollars every year

The conveniences of civilization provide it for them in a sensible and often come as a pleasant surprise to efficient way. It has been on trial for two years only, not long enough to lives subject to the extortions and undemonstrate its merits fully or bring reliable service of our monopolies. Mr. out its defects, if it has any. But in those two years the supervisors appointed under the law have done wonders for the rural schools. If their work is not interfered with by the of no better way, but now that the work is not interest with a parcel post serves him more efficient-great deal more. | ly for a quarter of the expense, could

Even if the Archbald impeachment cost \$100,000, as some writers estirural schools know how prone the directors are to be misled by shrewd salesmen, who persuade them to buy all sorts of things which the schools cannot use. Expensive books, globes and scientific apparatus are sometimes foisted upon the district, while simple not provided. The rural supervisors have said, will not work. Now we not provided. The rural supervisors have said, will not work. Now we have done a great deal to better this.

Payment of a birth bounty under the British national insurance law and than a calamity to the state, and who fronted by a well-prepared foe. The decrease in the first rate mark a reaction from the gloomy theory of Malthus, which had much vogue a centhus, which had much vogue a century ago. Malthus' theory was that
the population of the earth tended to
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BACHELOR SEEKS WIFE IN VAIN He Had One Chance but Girl Didn't

Appeal to Him. SPRINGFIELD, Or. Jan. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I have read with a great deal of interest the various letters of the backelors and old maids published in The Oregonian and believe a great good could be accomplished if some means could be devised by which these unmated ones could be mated. I suggest that the city of Portland or the state create an office of public chaperone to be filled by some one of high character and respectability to whom one could go with explicit confidence that the question of his or her heart's desire would receive due and most careful consideration and be sacred from the world. This is one of the most SPRINGFIELD, Or., Jan. 11 .- (To the

life of a true and affectionate husband until perhaps by force of habit I could finally give her my unqualified love. But this has not been my idea of procedure in married life. Perhaps I am mistaken. For the rapidity with which some marriages are set up and the rapidity with which they are dissolved convinces me that many do not hold. rapinity with which they are dissolved neconvinces me that many do not hold my view. Marriage for social or commercial reasons has never appealed to me country roads need vast sums of me, yet they are much more easily money for the proper development of brought about and I cannot dispute this state. We need it for our irrigations of the country roads need vast sums of the country roads n brought about and I cannot dispute the fact that many of them prove successful. After all perhaps they follow more closely the natural law than in those where true love and affinity are the chief conditions upon which the marriage relations are established. Among the heathen, who only follow the natural laws, the most homely as well as the most beautiful have equal chance for a mate. There are no discriminations because of their varying charms. I have often wondered if one could really love and adore one whom he or she knew was extremely homely. I have met people whom I thought could give me light on that subject but felt a delicacy in approaching it.

As to my wife, she must look good

ficiently to leave its record upon her face, of love, charity and hope of calm content because she is at peace with herself, her nerves, with God and man. I would love a woman in the first place because she is feminine and not place because the place because the place with the place because the place with place because the place with place because the place with the place with the place with place because the place with place with place because the place with pla

BENEFITS OF PAIR QUESTIONED.

Hood River Man Views Matter Through Blue Goggles,

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 12,-(To the

mass of other stuff in San Francisco to mass of other stuff in San Francisco to a string of pleasure-seeking sightseers. The canner's product is tried out on the consumer's dining table all over the consumer but they do not appeal to me. One I have all reasons to believe could bestow all the affection I could ask of a wife, but I rather evaded her, not that she was unworthy of me for she did me more honor than I deserved, but I could not bestow all the devotion and affection upon her which I wish And it is up to these retail houses to

could give me light on that subject but felt a delicacy in approaching it.

As to my wife, she must look good to me, I do not believe I could ever expensive at San Francisco? Haven't love a woman who was to me really distasticful. This, however, is largely a personal taste. What would be beautiful to me might be quite ordinary to someone else. But the woman whom I could admire most, must have a beautiful face, not as the stage classes beauty. A doll is pretty but not beautiful in that broader and deeper sense tiful they be the purpose of the purp

SIMPLE APPAREL FOR STUDENTS

Mr. Taft, in abandoning his work, and without some mutal read or recreation to vary the four in the interest of pase, possibly common interested in wars and war tails to pay much attention to him.

An Oregon City family awakened to find the bed in flames. Many of me have awakened lately wishing such were the case.

Prime steers sold at \$5.25 in the yards yesterday, keeping up Portland's record as the best beef market on the Coast.

Parents in Great Britain are to receive \$1.36 each for new bables. The middle of the communication at all.

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Not at all. On the contrary, it is to alleviate as far as possible such conditions and its bear as the best weathing so.

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His Maiden Speech By Dean Collins.

He hath pondered long and hath pon-dered deep,
And hath pondered with real and care;
He hath visioned a scene in the Senate hall,
When he shall be standing there
And, in awe-struck silones, the Senate and, in awe-struck silence, the Sens-

tors each Shall list to him in his maiden speech. There's a bill drawn up by a careful

hand:
Doped out by a level head;
Which he is to father and to defend
Ere the Senate session be sped;
And in its defense he hath planned a Of a line of talk, for his maiden speech,

The pipe draws well, and he hath a Of galleries thronged with folk.

Who weep when he hits the tremolo Or roar at his well-timed loke, And nod assent as they hear him. preach With wisdom and weight in his maiden

He sees the Senators shedding tears; He hears their applauding shout, When, with three hours of his eloquence He hath put his opponents to rout; And in his dream, doth he hear them

screech
For mercy after his maiden speech. With shout and cheer to his side they

rush, In spite of the gavel's full, And halling a Webster in their midst,
They tote him about the hall;
And eager fournalists, jostling, each.
Pleads for the manuscript of his speech.
L'ENVOL

Oh Imp of Perversity, stay your hand When the day he hath dreamed shall fall; in mercy fasten the doors and keep

His colleagues still in the hall Lest, as he orates, they have a hunch all to slip out and go to lunch.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, January 15, 1863. The Washington Territory Legislature has appropriated \$500 to buy a stand of colors for the First Regiment of Washington Territory Volunteers.

The Jacksonville Sentinel says that Jackson County has 1000 voters and that five men have been killed in it during the past year in fights and quarrels.

of United States legal tender notes for Haven't the purpose of speculation and the hat sadly be an attorn the state, the undersigned hereby agree to accept them at the rates current in San Francisco as published from time traity and will they an approan approan approan approan approan approan approan approan approan approach to the fally papers of Portland by Ladd & Tilton, bankers, (Signed by 79 merchants.) Legal tender notes this day. \$358.84c.

WASHINGTON METAL PRODUCTION Increased Production of Copper and Silver Occurred in 1912.

Although the output of gold, which their frunch for the supprises which are from the fact that it has at the most all. The supervisors are helping effectually to introduce those industrial branches which the rural schools so badly need. The old-time cut-and-dried substitute for genuine education will never give way in the country schools unless there is some-body at hand to speak constantly for better things. The supervisors are helping effectually to introduce those industrial branches which the rural schools so badly need. The old-time cut-and-dried substitute for genuine education will never give way in the country schools unless there is some-body at hand to speak constantly for better things. The supervisor is constantly for better things, and the speak constantly for better things, and the speak constantly for better things, and the country schools unless there is some-body at hand to speak constantly for better things. The supervisor is constantly for better things, and the country decided in the country dependent of the supervisor or not at all. Again, the supervisor or not at all. Again, the supervisor or not at all. Again, the supervisors have been busy encouraging the wider use of the school property in the country disconting the supervisor was an applied the speak of the supervisor and the country disconting the supervisor was an applied to speak the same supervisor of the supervisor of the supervisor of the supervisor and the country disconting the supervisor of the supervisor of the supervisor of the supervisor and the speak of the supervisor of the supervisor and the supervisor of the supervisor and the supervisor of the supervisor and supervisor of the superv PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—(To the is the principal metal produced in Editor.)—In The Sunday Oregonian of Washington, decreased to about \$679,-

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