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the freight by rail to Seattle in order to compete in prices with the merchants of that city. This is a distinct handicap, which direct steamers will overcome. The new steamers will also make Portland a market and a point of trans-shipment for Alaska products, which have attained great volume.

The greatest means of expanding the trade of any city or country is direct lines of transportation. This has been proved on a small scale by the mosquito fleet, which piles from Seattle to all ports on Puget Sound and which did much to keep that city on its feet during the depression of the nineties. It was proved on a much larger scale when that city began, during the same period, to build up trade with Alaska and thus laid the foundation for the great commerce which has given Seattle a strong hold on Alaskan trade and which has been instrumental in causing the great growth of that city.

The Alaska steamship line will be a good "summer" for Portland trade. It will broaden the interests of the city, which have been too much confined to the immediately surrounding territory.

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the farms is not more men but more brains." It continues: In the future as in the past the production per farmer can increase at the same time that the proportion of the total population engaged in agriculture decreases. It is to this release of hands from the soil that the farmer should look for the supply of factory hands needed to supply us with our necessities and to increase our exports to manufacturers.

Then why the increased cost of food and why the great army of unemployed in cities at times? It would seem that the number of farm hands who have to be hired is out of proportion to the increased efficiency and modern farm machinery; in fact, that the movement has been excessive. Most certainly more brains are needed in farming, but more farmers are needed also to restore the equilibrium between cost of living and earnings and between urban and rural population.

Reading aloud. College graduates are receiving a great many invitations of late to consider their shortcomings. These are all so well meant that it is supposed to be welcome and a doubt marked improvement will follow in all the walks of life to which the critics direct their kindly attention.

The municipal factory for employment of the blind is a practical step to help men to help themselves. There is shown by the leasing of the Grant factory to the city that even the blind are not to be left to beg for a living by the use of the other four instead of making capital of their infirmity by begging on the streets.

The latest civic watchword is "Make a hero of your community." The point is that a community, be it village, city or country neighborhood, is larger and nobler than any individual citizen, and it is the duty of each citizen to do his part in making for our great nation, to become "community conscious."

With all its queerness Kansas justice has some traits which might profitably be imitated elsewhere. The village magistrate who sentenced a pair of "drunks" to assign their wages to their wives for a year was no Dobberly. Through his wisdom the poor were not made to suffer as they are in other parts of the state.

Colonel Goethals is reported to have declined an offer to become Police Commissioner of the city of New York. Mayor-elect Mitchell. The Colonel perhaps considers digging a canal a more picnic by comparison with heading a newly-muckraked police force.

The latest "bunk" is that Ulster is recruiting in this country. That is a waste of effort. The only way Ulster can win is to induce Irishmen to do her fighting, as does the mother country.

An Arkansas man has been running for office forty years without success. He is Tommie, after the fashion of Bryan. After all hope seemed lost he got appointed to something.

There were 135 fatalities in twenty-one states in the hunting season just closed. It would seem that the hunting season, as the game, is threatened with extinction.

Only his grape-juice record saved Bryan from a grilling by the Nebraska Anti-Saloon League. Temperance in drink, saves him from intemperance in diplomacy.

Delay in the Sweek case appears to hang on his practice as a police-court lawyer. Since when did the party set up such high ideals?

A bunch of fowls seems to have little individuality. They are all alike and can see a resemblance in a rooster to some one he knows.

A lunch-counter car is being tried on the Pennsylvania lines. Looks as if poor people were going to have a chance to eat while traveling.

All the male chiefs having failed, why doesn't some staunch Mexican suffragette rise up and become the mother of her country.

A puntello must be removed before Germany and Great Britain may exhibit at the San Francisco fair. Where's Dan Lively?

Turkey apologizes to Russia for a minor affront. That should be the keynote in Turkish foreign relations hereafter.

The state can make a substantial entry in its credit sheet on the announcement that John L. May will recover.

Somehow these pictures of Santa Claus do not pan out when Christmas comes. No boy realizes all his hopes.

A billion is asked to run the Government during the next year. My, but aren't the Democrats economical from it, but upon the whole the man of many books is preferable as a social unit to the man of one book.

A Wisconsin woman has just become the mother of her twenty-ninth and next year may be "30" for her.

Huerta was reported to have fled Mexico yesterday. He doesn't impress us as a fleeing sort of man.

An Ogden man says his mind is a blank. Bet he's a Spug trying to forget that Christmas approaches.

Nurses in California are subject to the eight-hour law and appendicitis will come that much higher.

Congress may conduct a series of experiments for killing frosts. Great news for sunny California.

Women now demand recognition of Wilson. He's different from dealing with poor old Huerta.

No, Gerald, the chicken show is not in the form of a musical comedy.

HOME RULE PROMISE NOT KEPT. Wets Criticized for Not Exemplifying Majority Rule in Late Election. SCAPPOOSE, Or., Nov. 18.—(To the Editor.)—I have been very much interested in the attitude the saloon-keepers, in some of the cities which went dry in the recent election, are assuming. After all the fair promises they made during the campaign for the home rule amendment in 1910 about being perfectly willing to let the majority rule, getting the cities to adopt model licenses and observing laws, we had supposed that when the majority voted them out in any city they would be submissive. But it seems otherwise and it is astonishing what a lot of wickedness these "dry" people have been guilty of.

However, what seems grossly wrong about the city and county in 1913 is not enough for the courts to declare the election illegal in another city the same thing which was not done constitutes the illegality, as for example in Salem and other valleys cities it was all wrong because the city authorities did not conduct the election, while in the county it was the county authorities who did not conduct the election, but by the city authorities. Oh, consistency, thou art a Jew!

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