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PENALTY OF UNREADINESS.

The present hesitation of the Balkan states whose interests obviously accord with those of the allies is due at bottom to doubt of the allies' final success. All—Bulgaria, Greece and Roumania—have much to gain by aligning themselves with the victors...

GOOD WISHES.

The country will assume its best smile and congratulate Woodrow Wilson on his approaching marriage to the lovely Mrs. Galt. She is evidently well qualified, by her many graces of mind and person and by her attainments in every womanhood to be the first lady of the land.

A CONTRAST.

Those who accept the argument advanced in Portland that efficiency in municipal government really has no connection with economy will be astonished to learn that the financial comparison between old and new is the main argument advanced in behalf of the commission-manager system.

OUR DISPUTE WITH BRITAIN.

Having adjusted the dispute with Germany, the Administration's hands are free to take up the differences with Great Britain in regard to interference with American trade. The President has withstood efforts of the British to make modifications in our country's methods of naval warfare contingent on our exaction from Great Britain of respect for those rights which we believe Great Britain has violated.

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Don't Take a "Just as Good"

When you go to a storekeeper and ask for a definite article do not be persuaded to take something "just as good."

plaints against high cost of government is that the people are getting service and honesty in government, that everything is done in the open, the cards are on the table and the political boss and ward-heeler have been banished. Yet some cities seem to be enjoying all these delights and the added one of economy. How do they manage it?

A TRUE POET.

"Poets," said an ancient philosopher, "put great and wise things which they do not themselves understand." That is clearly the reason why so many people who read avoid poetry unless it is in its simplest and most natural form.

REASON VERSUS INSTINCT.

From the American Genetic Association there emanates a most interesting comment on the subject of instinct and reason and their respective relationship to race betterment. He who would be a eugenicist must not heed the calculating dictates of his reason, we are told. Instinct is a safer guide, and really guides the world, since it innately orders our beings under the artificiality of reason.

SELF-DESTRUCTION.

It is needless for the authorities in investigating a case of self-destruction to come forward with announcement that the victim was unbalanced at the moment. The deed is prima facie evidence of mental stress. Suicide is the practice of a sane person, and while the insanity may not be of pronounced character, there must have been a fatal loss of the normal power for self-control.

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wretchedness. Fresh air, wholesome diet, rest, exercise and harmonious surroundings work wonders. But the effort must not end with these measures and this country may be unwilling to permit their continuance. The patient needs re-education, a new viewpoint. The old habits of thought and life which brought on the crisis must be put aside and new habits formed. Cheerfulness and a tendency to seize upon the bright spots of mortal existence carry the patient farther and farther toward complete recovery and happiness.

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PLAN FOR UNEMPLOYED DISCUSSED. G. Wynn Wilson Sees Good in Proposal of J. P. Newell and Offers Suggestions. PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian, October 4, there appears a letter from J. P. Newell outlining a plan for dealing with the unemployed and the settlement of our overgrown lands. There are two distinct problems, but they dovetail naturally, and Mr. Newell is quite right in treating them together. His plan is valuable in that it gets right down to cases, and, until we do get something down in black and white, it is a plan for discussion, and is willing to change it if he can be shown that the change is beneficial.

Under such gentle ministrations wonders have been wrought. The man who sat gloomily alone, pistol in hand, hovering on the verge of death, by his own hand, now stands erect, clear-eyed, happy, hopeful, a normal being who tastes the true sweetness of life. It is a pity we cannot recognize the symptoms of an approaching climax in those unhappy hypochondriacs and victims of morbidity prior to the moment of mental aberration that will carry them into an untimely grave. Thousands of unfortunates might be saved from themselves and set on the course which would lead them to the haven of mortal contentment that is their birthright.

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LOW BOARD; CONTINUOUS WORK. Originator of Boys' Home Idea Explains Merit of Wage Plan. PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian you report that my plan for the establishment of a boys' home received the endorsement of the Alberta Women's Improvement Club, with the exception of the wages to be paid to the unemployed who are to clear the land. May I have a few lines to explain the wage question. Prefacing my remarks with this statement: I have been working among the unemployed in Portland for the past two years, meeting them on their own level and coming to know exactly how they view various questions. I know that my plan of wages payment is fair and will appeal to the men who do the work, and, after all, they are the ones most concerned.

I propose to provide comfortable beds and quarters with good board at 50 cents on working days and free on Sundays to workers. That fact is important in determining wages. For the first month the wages will be \$1 a day, or 50 cents net after paying board. The second month, \$1.20; the third, \$1.40; the fourth, \$1.60; the fifth, \$1.80. On the five months the average wages will be \$1.40, or net 90 cents a day. Remember that there is no lost time, that the work is done in winter, when there is little employment to be had.

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WILLAMETTE SUMMER. Old Summer, I hear you hoarse whisper, The soul in your body is dead, And frosty make your season some crispier. Since the Summer sunbath has fled, Your flowers bloomed only to perish, To scatter sweet joys for a day, Time fadeeth the dearest we cherish, Why murmur if sorrow's our way.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. The Law School of the University of Oregon opens this evening with an inaugural address on the subject of "Trial by Jury." The address will be delivered by Professor A. H. Thornton in the United States courtroom at 7:30, Judge Deady presiding. The names of about 40 are already enrolled for the coming session.

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