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SOME IMAGINARY DANGERS. In the whole course of American diplomacy scarcely a treaty has been made which did not require further action by congress to put it in effect.

These facts of history were brought out by Senator Walsh, of Montana, in a recent speech on the ratification of the Panama canal treaty.

Analysis of a ten-day divorce court record made by Judge Gatens recently may not furnish material upon which to base a conclusion, or through which to formulate a remedy, but it is likely to help.

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American farmers have emigrated to Canada in the past decade. The figure is estimated at 40,000 farmers who have left the United States for Canada.

THE OTHER SIDE. The indictment by the American Federation of Labor of the courts for usurpation of power in passing upon the constitutionality of legislation recalls to mind a recent incident in Oregon affecting the rights of labor in Portland.

The construction placed upon the ordinance by the court was that it attempted to prohibit workmen from quitting their employment in a body and thereby invaded constitutional rights.

The incident is now recited to illustrate the point that, whereas courts may at times strain the constitution in the estimation of the public, the legislature does at times adopt unconstitutional laws.

Why does labor fail to recognize that there are benefits obtained from calm and judicial comparison of laws with fundamental rights? Is it not because the occasional deprivations and disappointments are the more certain, and the evils of a strike are so plain before us because efforts to curb it with federal laws have not withstood the constitutional test in the courts.

It cannot be disputed that congress, legislatures and even the people themselves at times, stupidly or thoughtlessly, adopt laws that are proscribed by the constitution.

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quite frequently if not always masks the true reason for legal separation. It is the old-fashioned spelling bee. The survey also inquired into the home environment of the students.

THE REMEDY IS MORE NEARLY APPROACHED when the words which were misspelled are analyzed. The total number of errors made was 1170, but the number of different words misspelled was only 581.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of June 21, 1894.

Chief Buchtel of the fire department has arranged to provide the city with a permanent fireboat which will be capable of throwing eight streams of water at once.

George F. Frank, who will in a few days assume duties as mayor of Portland, has decided upon Sylvester Farrell, William Filadelfer and H. S. Rowe as fire commissioners.

French Bride Defends Both Her Own and American Status. PORTLAND, June 20.—(To the Editor.)—A ball in the American girl!

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