

THE EFFECT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UPON THE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF GENERAL WOOD ALSO DISCUSSED IN POINTED COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING PUBLIC VIEWS OF HAPPENINGS, BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL.

**GOLD HILL FOR COMPETITION**  
**Control of Quicksilver by Foreign Concerns Opposed.**

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor)—During the present government made frantic efforts and expended vast sums of money to force production of quicksilver in the United States, which but a few months ago the scientific bureau at Washington knew was in this country. It developed at the United States tariff commission meeting held at San Francisco last winter that America in producing quicksilver could not compete with the high-grade ores and cheaper labor of Austria, Italy and Spain in normal times, and that the average cost of producing the metal in the United States was between \$70 and \$75 per flask of 75 pounds. Quicksilver was the only metal that the war boards agreed to contract with at a price fixed by the government and that was done as an impetus for the mine operators to put this industry on a permanent basis in developing their deposits.

The greatest menace to the quicksilver industry in this country is the Spanish monopoly and operated with convict labor. The entire output of the mine is contracted to the Bothwick and the Spanish government, at the rate of \$75 per flask, and this concern has the privilege of regulating the output of the mine in this case, only one foreign concern, namely, the Bothwick, controls about 60 per cent of the quicksilver industry of the world and manipulate the market as they wish, cracking the output of the mine by trying to develop the industry in this country. It may be seen in this wrecking process practiced by this concern that it is the producer in the country that suffers the decline only to have the same condition repeated once the price rises again. How can the American producer, who is benefited by the establishing of free quicksilver? No one pays for it except the American consumer, and he gets it at a price that would keep the money at home by placing a tariff on the quicksilver as they do in Europe. It may be seen, in this wrecking process practiced by this concern, that it is the producer in the country that suffers the decline only to have the same condition repeated once the price rises again. How can the American producer, who is benefited by the establishing of free quicksilver? No one pays for it except the American consumer, and he gets it at a price that would keep the money at home by placing a tariff on the quicksilver as they do in Europe.

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**Writer Takes Issue With Criticisms**  
of W. D. Spencer.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 6.—(To the Editor)—The writer desires to take issue with M. A. Spencer, who, in a letter to The Oregonian of December 2, takes exception to General Wood as a presidential candidate. The writer is a soldier who has been in the military service of the United States for the past ten years, and during that time has acquired such information, and furthermore, what application has been made in the military service, that he feels he is qualified to express his views on the matter. General Wood is an excellent record as a soldier, but is not a "militarist" by any means, but a statesman who has fully demonstrated his high qualifications as an executive officer of the United States Army. The writer believes that General Wood is the best man for the job, and that his election would be a benefit to the United States. The writer is a soldier who has been in the military service of the United States for the past ten years, and during that time has acquired such information, and furthermore, what application has been made in the military service, that he feels he is qualified to express his views on the matter.

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**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UPHELD**  
**Quotations From Bible Given in Defense of Practice.**

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor)—I have read with interest the editorial in the Oregonian, dated December 3, regarding the proposed abolition of capital punishment. The editor of the paper has made a very good case for the retention of the death penalty. The Bible is full of references to capital punishment. For example, in the Old Testament, God commanded the death penalty for murder. In the New Testament, the apostles taught that capital punishment was necessary for the preservation of society. The death penalty is a just and necessary punishment for the most heinous crimes. It is a punishment that is feared and respected. It is a punishment that is necessary for the preservation of society. It is a punishment that is just and necessary. It is a punishment that is feared and respected. It is a punishment that is necessary for the preservation of society.

**USUAL MURDER TERM SHORT**  
**Imprisonment Is Less Than Ten**  
**Years Under Present System.**

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**DEATH PENALTY IS OPPOSED**  
**Innocent Man May be Sacrificed to Justice, Holds Writer.**

CORBETT, Or., Dec. 5.—(To the Editor)—In the editorial "Elemental Justice" in The Oregonian, November 30, the writer expressed his opposition to the death penalty. The death penalty is a punishment that is feared and respected. It is a punishment that is necessary for the preservation of society. It is a punishment that is just and necessary. It is a punishment that is feared and respected. It is a punishment that is necessary for the preservation of society. It is a punishment that is just and necessary. It is a punishment that is feared and respected. It is a punishment that is necessary for the preservation of society.

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**FIRST EPISCOPAL IS WOOD**  
**Mr. Hines Cities Early Newspaper Account to Dispel Error.**

PORTLAND, December 6.—(To the Editor)—A communication of Trinity Episcopal church, Charles H. Dodd, was quoted recently as saying that the first house of worship of that church was built of iron. In order to settle that question beyond a doubt and show that it was built of wood, the following account of the construction of the building and description thereof is quoted from The Oregonian, October 14, 1884. On Sunday, the 26th of September, the Rev. Dr. F. S. Smith, minister of the Trinity Episcopal church on the corner of Oak and Second streets, made the following address to the congregation at 11 o'clock. The church was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. F. S. Smith, minister of the Trinity Episcopal church on the corner of Oak and Second streets, made the following address to the congregation at 11 o'clock. The church was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. F. S. Smith, minister of the Trinity Episcopal church on the corner of Oak and Second streets, made the following address to the congregation at 11 o'clock. The church was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. F. S. Smith, minister of the Trinity Episcopal church on the corner of Oak and Second streets, made the following address to the congregation at 11 o'clock.

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