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**HYPERHENISM AGAIN.**  
No sooner did the house of representatives begin consideration of the bill to suspend immigration than hyperhenism showed its head and made its voice heard. Nor are the congressmen who speak for the hyperhenist constituencies where the foreign-born predominate or are numerous. Hosts of aliens or naturalized citizens have relatives or friends whom they would have come to the United States, and in view of the war conditions in Europe they wish the immigrants to come soon. Their thoughts are of their families, not of the country which has received them as citizens.

**THE SOVIETS' BID FOR RECOGNITION.**  
The Russian capital is the capital of a band of murderers and robbers who have stolen everything in Russia that is worth stealing and have set up a government supported by the rifles and bayonets of foreign mercenaries. They have about wrecked the country in gaining possession, and they cannot restore it to its original state. Business men shrink from dealing with them, for everything they offer for sale or in exchange for imports was stolen and the gold that they are to pay for was also stolen. They cannot give clear title to any property in Russia, for that was stolen.

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**SHALL THERE BE NO COMPROMISE?**  
The outlook for any adjustment of the differences between the school board and the federal board of education seems to be hopeless. It is to be regretted. The teachers appear to be in the present plan, and they desire to return to the discredited and mischievous spoils system, and decline to accept any assurances to the contrary.

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Schoolhouse Window Statute Dangerously Absurd, Says Teacher. The Oregonian, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor)—The schoolhouse window statute is a relic of the past which should be repealed.

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**More Truth Than Poetry.**  
By James J. Montague. The stock, a fleeing wicket or two, Anced his way a rooster; But when you come to buy, My friends were out pocket. And then with jarring words and rough phrases he would say: "I had a goodly, reeling dream Of what the world would get me; And yet I didn't join the scheme— My misadventure wouldn't let me."

**The Silver Lining.**  
In the midst of their troubles the British can pause to give thanks that Mr. D'Annunzio isn't located in Cork.

**Nothing to Brag About.**  
Kare Taken—European cable. It happens right along "in America, too."

**John Burroughs' Nature Notes.**  
Can You Answer These Questions?  
1. Do the three-footed mouse lay up winter stores?  
2. What is the secret of a successful fisherman?  
3. What is the appearance of the shrike?  
4. How do robbers in tomorrow's Nature Notes?  
5. What are the signs of winter?  
6. Are trees uniform in their colorings?  
7. Thoreau, I believe, was the first to recognize the robin as a bird of the same species with respect to their foliage—some maples ripen early and some late, and some of one tint and some of another; and, moreover, that each tree has its own characteristic color, year after year.

**In Other Days.**  
Twenty-five Years Ago. From the Oregonian of December 3, 1905. Tacoma—About 1200 people attended last night's mass meeting, which was held in the new hall of the committee of 15. The gathering was composed largely of populists.

**Widow Avoids Loneliness by Keeping Busy and Seeking God's Blessing.**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor)—I have a widow who is a member of the church and is very active in her church work.

**WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY Proposed as Condition.**  
GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor)—While the action of Secretary Baker in releasing his "patriotic" list of names from the "conscientious objectors" from the military service is a commendable act, it is a pity that the man who fought in the war for some small fraction of his country should be allowed to shirk his duty.

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**Not First to Leave American Soil.**  
HILLSDALE, Ore., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor)—A says President Wilson was the first president to leave the United States while holding official office. B says he was not. Which is correct? Roosevelt spent a short time on foreign soil on a visit in connection to the Panama canal.