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HEARTLESS CORPORATION STEEL... A letter from a motorist published today illustrates, we think, one of the most serious of our traffic problems.

PLAYING THE GAME... It is impossible to read the life story of Michael Pupin, the Serbian immigrant who rose to eminence among the physical scientists of America, without wishing that a way might be found to impart to all immigrants the understanding and reverence for American institutions which permeates Professor Pupin's writings.

COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT FUND... Attention of Portland citizens, which has properly been directed to the restoration of Astoria during the last week, should be turned again to the Oregon development fund.

BUYING BACK A COLONY... A profoundly interesting question of ethics is involved in the proposal credited to German medical scientists that a cure for sleeping sickness which is reported to have been found shall be made the price of the restoration to Germany of her lost colonies in Africa.

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and military clauses of the Versailles treaty. The only argument that seems to have weight is that if Europe should not recover our prosperity will shrivel, our boasted standard of living will fall, and our existence as a nation will be in danger.

This nation is able to exercise moral compulsion far more powerfully than the physical compulsion which France threatens. It should be exerted against Germany first to exact the conditions on which alone a loan and a moratorium should be granted, but also on France to stay its hand and not insist on its right to impose sternly that control of German finances that is necessary to re-establish German credit.

It was thought nearly twenty years ago that the secret had been discovered when a German scientist developed an aniline dye which, when injected into the blood of the patient, was said to kill the germ of sleeping sickness.

It is the secret which it is proposed to exchange for an empire. Will the Germans get their price, or will the research workers of other countries discover what they have done and either duplicate their work or find a remedy equally serviceable, as the French did with Ehrlich's original discovery?

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OSWEGO, Or., Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial and Director-Representative Woodward's letter, both on the subject of free text books, might well prompt the question of two editorial questions.

Here is the first one: Is there going to be a stopping place on our federal-state paternalistic road to communism, and we going to go the entire route?

The second question might well be: Are we in the future going to permit the development of the individualistic genius which has made America great or are we going to make it a public purpose to reduce all our citizens to a common pattern—just as like and commonplace as peas in a pod?

Our editorial says that we are a nation of free men and women, and that the public schools, if they are to be logical and fair to require a pupil to furnish his own desk as his own books.

We are mostly agreed that society should do some things for its members that individuals cannot do and that society should restrict the activities of the individual when those activities would result in injury to his neighbors.

But should not there be a stopping place somewhere? The school should be a place where the child is given the opportunity to develop his individuality.

After more than ten years behind the walls of the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem Jesse P. Webb, pardoned murderer, enjoyed his first glimpse of freedom at the Multnomah hotel Friday night.

W. J. Martin of Lake Charles, La., was at the Imperial yesterday, Mr. Martin is a member of the Multnomah club and has been traveling extensively over the middle west and the Pacific coast states.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Creighton of Moscow, Idaho, were at the Multnomah hotel yesterday. They were en route to California where they will spend the winter.

S. H. Smith, who is at the Washington hotel, was at the Multnomah yesterday. He is a member of the Multnomah club and has been traveling extensively over the middle west and the Pacific coast states.

A man who is thoroughly pleased with the conditions of the sheep and wool market is J. T. Udlike, of Welser, Idaho, who is at the Benson hotel.

Business men of Boise are working hard to raise the \$225,000 fund which will maintain the building of the Oregon Short Line into their city.

A wooded corner in winter. Clumps of brown, fringed fern and hazel. Bare of leaf and bud.

John D. Porter, member of the contracting firm of Portland Brothers & Co., was a guest at the Multnomah hotel yesterday.

C. C. Cochran and family of Kerry are at the Multnomah. Mr. Cochran is here for the purpose of purchasing equipment with which to clear snow from the wagon roads.

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