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whatever among results, producing pain with the same facility as pleasure and destroying as eagerly as they build. The fight for perfection as a conscious end has always been waged against Nature and does violence everywhere to her law.

What Nature produces is "adaptation," which is a totally different thing from perfection. The best adapted thing is frequently the most evil thing.

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ports that they had on an average one blizzard a week from November 16 to April 5, while in Summer they suffered from hot winds. For weeks in Winter the trains were stopped and there were no mails or news of any kind from the outside world.

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done by the Government to meet the growing demands of a development that has been too long retarded. That the work has been inadequate to the needs and to the vast resources of this region is true, but that the appropriations have been applied with skill and good judgment is manifest.

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COMMENT ON CURRENT STATE TOPICS

Unpopularity of Spring Out Lawbreakers—Need of Drinking Troughs on Country Roads—Problem of Hop Prices—Commonplace Speeches on Independence Day—Ownership of Irrigation Systems—Frauds Perpetrated by Transient Agents for Vehicles.

EMPLOYMENT of "spotters" to aid in enforcing laws has always been unpopular, particularly with the people against whom it is used. The spotter is generally looked down upon with contempt, even by those who are in sympathy with the movement in which he is engaged.

Somehow or other, the feeling has become established that though the man who violates the law may resort to any sort of trick to conceal his illegal act, it is dishonorable for the officer of the law to resort to a trick to uncover the transgressor.

The pasturing idea seems to be the least objectionable, though it may be impracticable for the reason that few hog growers have hogs or sheep to turn into a field of peas or vetch. This plan has one strong argument in its favor, however, for a crop of the kind mentioned would in a measure serve as a fertilizer.

The Hop roots will still be in place and, by cultivating and suckering in the usual manner, the yard could be revived without the expense of replanting. Views upon this subject are necessarily theoretical, for there has been little, if any, experimenting in this direction.

It is a frequent remark, not peculiarly applicable to the year 1907, that Fourth of July orations contain little that is new, either in thought or expression. They contain little that is instructive, either. The addresses are, in general, pretty much what have been heard in years past.

HOMER DAVENPORT'S plea in behalf of dumb brutes, particularly horses, undoubtedly strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of some of the farmers round Roseburg, for one of them has voiced a complaint because no public watering troughs are provided in the town.

The Southern Pacific Company has been subjected to severe criticism of late because cattle are compelled to stand in cars for 24 hours or more in hot weather and without water. It is doubtful, however, whether these cattle suffer more than many a farmer's horses which haul loads on hot, dusty highways, without opportunities to drink at frequent intervals.

There is good ground for suspecting that the \$5000 "bill" Squires received for his share in the last alleged championship fight is the biggest money he ever "won" in the ring.

We congratulate President Roosevelt over the fact that he doesn't have to pay the terrific expense of buying a ship for the fleet to be sent to the Pacific Coast.

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to encourage increased production the following year in a rival hop-producing state. It seems scarcely probable that an organization could be formed extensive enough and strong enough, to limit the production of hops in the same way and with the same effect that loggers and shingle manufacturers, for example, limit the output of their product.

To all the suggestions there are some objections. It is to grow up a yard and replant it after two or three years an expensive process, and the first year's crop of hops would scarcely pay for harvesting. It is doubtful, too, whether a crop of potatoes in between rows of neglected hop vines would yield much of a crop, for the vines would draw moisture from the soil.

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