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CRIMES AND PENALTIES.

It is unquestioned truth, confirmed apply by experience, as stated by Frederick Bhusman, in an address before the Bar Association at Seattle, that in the administration of criminal law acquittals increase when the penalties are regarded as too lenient.

MEMORY.

If we forgot every day what we had lived through the day before, it would be like a man who died at nightfall and new beings were created to take our place the next morning.

MILK.

The United States, like the rest of the civilized world, has to face the social problems which arise from a decreasing birth rate combined with a high infant mortality.

either from hands, clothing, dust and badly washed cans, or from diseased cows. Mr. Straus declares that diseased cows mean diseased milk, and he argues a great mass of authority to prove that tuberculosis is communicable from cattle to human beings.

EXPOSE THE REAL CULPRITS.

If the authorities of the City of Portland really wish to reduce the social evil, let the police be instructed to arrest every man who enters a house of ill-fame; let him be fined and his name published; let every such house be under close and constant observation by the authorities.

GOMPERS AND CHAIRMAN MACK.

A Washington (D. C.) dispatch (August 24) reports that "Norman Mack (chairman of the Democratic National Committee) dropped into Washington today from Indianapolis for the express purpose, he said, of having a three hours' talk with Gompers and arranging for the entire vote of the country delivered to Bryan."

SHALL A CHILD WORK?

On another page of this issue appears a communication from W. S. Varnum, of Shilton, Wash., censuring the state for not assuming co-guardianship with parents over children in the matter of labor.

CHECKING THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

There is hope now for reform in the cigarette habit. The superintendent of the Rock Island Railroad issued an order this week forbidding all employees to smoke cigarettes.

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their mistaken system, college professors are apt to decry what they call "mere memory," just as pietists have nothing good to say of "mere morality," but memory and morality, humble as they are, still play a useful part in life and it would be difficult to get along without them.

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MARGINALIA. BY HARRY MURPHY. The Viewpoint. A dweller on a star. A sigh to the Earth afar. From this dull place would I. To thee, fair, 'O, might I fly!'