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DEPENDENCE ON GOVERNMENT.

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Multitudes of little capitalists did buy them, investing their all. During the war they dropped to 86, a fall of 28 per cent, which annihilated a full quarter of the savings of a great multitude of people.

Ideologic doctrines are tried to minimize the importance of this economic problem. They tell us to point out the heavenward way to the poor and assure them that if they are patient under their wrongs they will go when they die and stocks do not fluctuate.

The secret of the paralysis of the churches is their insistent preaching of this transcendental gospel which fails like bitter irony upon the ears of the multitude.

There will be another session of the Legislature in January. There is no need of one, because all that is needed is a single session.

Nobody can name or indicate a single new measure that ought to be passed, or that there is any real chance of enactment.

It is an old saying that "the world is governed not so much by what is done as by what is said."

Isn't it getting time to hang somebody in Oregon, and somebody right here in Portland—some one of the numerous murderers? It is, it is, indeed.

Yesterday's murder was one of peculiar malignity and atrocity. It is human life worth anything when it comes to such a condition as that which led up to this most abhorrent murder?

There must be punishment for acts of this kind. Leniency has gone beyond the just limit. It stunts and encourages the criminal.

Without delay, this very week, in the criminal court this murderer should be put on his trial, and after the trial the sheriff should be reasonably sure to hang him.

Of course, there will be the defense of irresponsibility—probably through alcoholism. But alcoholism is no excuse. It is itself an offense.

There are many indications, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press, that the last barrier that has hindered the bright and capable man—so he could be engaged in agricultural pursuits, is crumbling before the light of science and reason.

This may be true, but behind this curtain there is a real and vital cause. The low price of agricultural products in many past years made it impossible for the farmer to pay his "hired man" a craftsman's wages and have anything left for himself.

"A job in a department store," continues the journal quoted, "or in a wholesale house or bank, demanding an equivalent amount of energy, industry and ability to that of a ranch foreman carries a salary of from \$200 to \$350 a month.

The explanation is not at all difficult. Briefly stated, such wages in rural industries in which board and housing are always included, would be simply to run the farm for the benefit of the hired help.

That new methods which the recent farmers' demonstration train represented are shortly to supersede the wasteful methods so long in vogue in agriculture.

Mr. Wells remarks that the men of millions seem almost to be ignorant, not to make small property secure, but to devour it. Of course he does not intimate that they have formed a definite conspiracy; he means that the financial system acts as if they had done so.

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This is the rosate view; the one with which we are all familiar is not so highly colored and, indeed, it need not be to make farming an avocation for the young man who uses his brains in conjunction with his hands in plowing this oldest of vocations.

Mr. Gompers says he will pay no fine, but will go to jail if he is declared guilty by the Supreme Court of violating the law which forbids restraining him from publishing, by speech and publication, his boycott policy.

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and tell his name in a community who has refused to give shelter from the storm to his eleven-year-old son because the boy is incorrigible, or, indeed, upon any other plea, passes the comprehension of decent, self-respecting people.

Professor Dickinson S. Miller, of Columbia University, New York, has written a letter to the Times on mental healing. Professor Miller believes in the reality of mental healing, and bids the cause godspeed. Moreover, he does not see a substantial service by remarking that the cures are effected by physical energy set free in the brain.

The distinction between physical and mental energy is one of those baseless illusions which persist in the world in spite of facts and logic, and this particular one has done a great deal of harm. The only possible criticism upon Professor Miller's instructive and urbane letter relates to the opinion it expresses that mental healing is effected through suggestion. The truth seems to be quite the opposite of this. The healing is done, not by suggestion, but by the solution of some suggestion already existing.

In other words, those diseases which yield to mental therapy are themselves made by suggestion, and what is really accomplished in order to cure them is to break the spell which the mind is held under. The philosopher Max Stirner would call such diseases "spooks." The cure consists in annihilating the spook and the mind freed from its prepossession. Mental therapy is not the imposition of new chains upon the mind, but the breaking of old ones. This distinction is important, although it is not well understood among the medical healers themselves. So far as one can discern, the Christian Scientists seem to be the only large body of mental practitioners at present who thoroughly grasp the truth that in extirpating disease they are performing an act of emancipation, by liberating the individual to further domination. This view of the case is not only more wholesome than the "suggestion" theory, but it is much nearer the truth.

IF SHEEP, WHY NOT FEEL IT? We are told that the sheep industry of the state has suffered the loss of a million dollars during the year through depredations of the coyote. If it is true that the flockmasters are the most careless and wasteful of all captains of industry. They are willing, however, according to a Penitentiary correspondent of The Oregonian, to pay half of an assessed bounty of \$150 on every coyote scalp brought in, if the state will pay the other half. This is, indeed, exceedingly generous. Perhaps if they were consulted upon this point the flockmasters of the state would be willing to pay half the expense, instead of all, as now, of spraying their trees in order to kill the pestiferous codling moth and the profuse San Jose scale, which must be done to protect the fruit industry from heavy loss.

If it is just and equitable for the orchardists of the Willamette Valley, Hood River and Southern Oregon to be taxed to protect the sheep industry of Eastern Oregon from being preyed upon by its specific enemy, it is no less just and equitable for the flockmasters of Eastern Oregon to put up money to fight the specific enemies of the fruit industry. Then there is the hoggrower, who must fight the specific enemy of his industry if he would have a clean yard and a marketable crop; and the wheatgrower, who must incur certain expense every year if he would protect his grain against the depredations of the enemies of his specific industry.

Before a board of naval officers at Newport, R. I., Wednesday, a torpedo fired from a Davis torpedo boat pierced the hull of the Whitehead torpedo, and passed on through a steel bulk inside the net. The feat was accomplished with a reduced charge of powder, and proves that the new weapon can, in short order, put out of commission an arm which it is sent against. The invention is in keeping with other similar improvements which are being made in facilities for warfare. No sooner does the very latest thing in warships appear than the great powers are endeavoring to conquer its immediate predecessor. If necessity is the mother of invention, we will probably soon learn of a new type of torpedo net made to catch and hold the Davis torpedo, which seems to menace the security of \$5,000,000 battleships.

Any community that sends a superior lot of fruit to an Eastern market is entitled to all the benefit that can be derived from the market. The feature, incident to the exhibition of the fruit. More than that, such a community is entitled to the gratitude of the whole state, for a large extent the whole state gets credit for the excellent products of any portion of it. On the other hand, any community that puts upon the market an inferior or discreditable lot of fruit should suffer the condemnation of all the rest of the state for all the state must, to a large extent, feel the loss of reputation which the marketing of poor fruit entails. Whether a horticultural district wins prizes at local fairs or at state fairs is of much less importance than the winning of highest prices in the markets of the country.

The importance of the city election in Milwaukie is equalled, in the suburban life contingent to this city, only by that of St. John. The people in both towns are wide awake to their interests and strenuous in advocating them from their different points of view, as becomes good citizens. All is quiet in St. John at present, but in Milwaukie the municipal officers are being notified of a petition which matters of vital concern to the taxpayers are at stake. The Mayor and Municipal Board to be elected in a short time will have to deal with the important question of allowing the Southern Pacific to buy a franchise for twenty-five years, covering the principal street of the city. Obviously there is need of men of the best judgment and business sagacity at the head of municipal affairs in the little pioneer city.

After one week of persistent, systematic work the soliciting committee of the Y. M. C. A. of Eugene secured pledges aggregating \$51,250 for a building fund for their organization in that city. This sum represents an average of \$25 for every man in Eugene. Those who could not give large sums were asked to give \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000, \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000, \$500,000, \$1,000,000, \$2,000,000, \$5,000,000, \$10,000,000, \$20,000,000, \$50,000,000, \$100,000,000, \$200,000,000, \$500,000,000, \$1,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000,000,000,0