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**SOCIALISM AND DOCTORS.**

**A** SECTION of the Socialist party is advocating making physicians government officials, urging that the public, and especially the poorer classes, should have free medical care, just as the government looks after education. If the defendant in a criminal case in court is found to be too indigent to provide legal help for himself he is allowed by the court an attorney, which lawyer is paid by the government. The doctors themselves, however, should all be Socialists in this regard for, at the present time, public opinion practically demands that the physician should supply attendance and advice and even medicine to the poor gratis. Medicine is one of the most benevolent of all professions and its altruism is the more remarkable because of the peculiar tendency to materialistic views of man and his Maker entertained by many of the profession.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIME.**

**I**N SENTENCING a prisoner to a term in the penitentiary after his conviction on the charge of having robbed a denizen of the restricted district, a prominent Butte judge took occasion to administer a well deserved rebuke to him—one that might well be heeded by all other men who are inclined to follow in the footsteps of this particular prisoner. Gladstone laid down the rule for government. It is the business of the state to make it just as easy as possible to do good and just as difficult as possible to do evil. To the extent that the state falls in this duty society shares in the responsibility for criminal misconduct. But it will not do to carry this argument beyond its logical and proper bounds. Crime in the end is a personal guilt, no matter how derelict society may be. Men have been honest and just under conditions much more unfavorable than any American suffers today. Murder has been visited with the severest penalties when there was much more to induce murder and much more to justify it than the most maudlin sentimentalist can suggest today. The man who voluntarily seeks the lowest strata of human association, when there are so many avenues of decent livelihood open to him, certainly merits nothing but the condemnation of his fellow men. Much of the expense of court procedure and the like in every county is caused by just such persons, and they are of not the slightest use to any community. The denizens of the redlight district are to be pitied. Force of circumstances or some other reason may have driven them there, but the man who, forfeiting every claim of self-respect and the respect of his associates, makes it his business to seek the association of persons of unworthy character is not deserving of anything but contempt. Milton refers to "this world of evil wherein God hath placed us unavoidably." Shall we in the end fall back upon Providence and because there are seeds of evil all about us, seem of misconduct in our very being, shoulder the whole blame of criminal misconduct on the Deity? That is the very test of individual responsibility, that if evil is about us, if society fails in its part, that we assert our own personality and not only of one that ain't."

maintain our own position but aid in correcting the general conditions. In the case in question the judge administered much excellent advice, which should be carefully heeded by all who might be tempted to pursue the course taken by the young man in question. The wrong kind of life and the wrong kind of conduct can have only one kind of ending, and that a most unhappy one. As the judge pointed out to the young man, devotion to good, honest work would have brought him the reward of a good name and the respect of his fellow citizens, something desired by all right thinking persons.

**TRUEST EDUCATION DEVELOPS CHARACTER AND POWER.**

**T**HE author of "The American Commonwealth" has rendered many valuable services to the higher life of America and England. But he never rendered one of more fundamental and far-reaching scope than when he pleaded recently for breadth of culture. There is a story of a German professor who devoted his life to the study of the genitive and dative cases. On his deathbed he regretted that he had wasted his powers by not devoting them solely to the study of the dative case. The anecdote, however apocryphal and extreme, fairly illustrates the dangers in the modern habit of specializing in education. It tends to deprive the victim of largeness of nature and of balance of judgment. It is liable to prevent all the facilities from obtaining full-orbed development and attaining all the power that each may normally be expected to acquire. Too high a price is paid for specialization in study when narrowness of view results. The truest education is that which develops both character and power and puts the beneficiary into touch with life and knowledge at the greatest number of points of contact. The majority of even the great scientists to whom science stands so deeply indebted were not trained as specialists. They ranged far and wide over the world of knowledge. They perceived previously unseen relations between facts and ideas of differing natures. Through this perception they made some of their greatest discoveries.

**WITH THE TOAST AND TEA**

**GOOD EVENING.**

There is no science in which education is considered so little necessary as in legislation. —Blackstone.

**THE NOBLE FEW.**

Few are the clear, strong spirits, who can hear To look on Truth in her unclouded blaze; Few are the high, heroic souls, who dare, Above the low pursuit of gain, to raise Their firm, unbending purpose; few can gaze At virtue, on her pure and awful throne— Ah! few can love the ethereal coin she pays— But they must love it, for the souls alone Who master self can claim our birthright as their own. —James Gates Percival.

**When two men quarrel they generally leave each other alone afterward, but women who have trouble don't.**

**There are still a number of people, we regret to state, whose favorite pastime is to see a preacher go wrong.**

If a man can raise a moustache without hearing remonstrances from his wife, that's a sign that he is master of his own household.

The average woman expects death will finally overtake her husband because of his failure to wear his rubbers when she told him to.

When there are children around the house it is a difficult matter to find the scissors. Or, anything else for that matter; we just happened to be thinking of scissors.

A real poet on the Topeka Mail and Breeze produces this couplet: "Little beds of flowers, little coats of paint, make a pleasant cottage out of one that ain't."

**SHOUTS 'WATCH ME' AND LEAPS.**

**A. C. Martin, Timber Buyer, Weighted With Stones, Drowns in Maumee at Fort Wayne.**

**FORT WAYNE, Ind., May 17.**—Augustus C. Martin, a widely known timber buyer, committed suicide in the Maumee today. He tied a teapot full of stones to his neck, and, shouting to the man at a distance, "Here I go, watch me," he leaped into the river. He left a note in his hat saying "Goodbye all, I'm done."

**NEAR BRIBE IS CHARGED.**

**Pres. Campbell of Empire University Denies Accusation.**

**PORTLAND, Ore., May 16.**—H. J. Parkinson of this city, labor agitator and worker for reform legislation in Oregon, has declared that he was offered on May 6 last a \$10,000 bribe by President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon to destroy the referendum petitions to rescind a \$500,000 appropriation by the legislature for the University of Oregon. President Campbell, interviewed on a train en route from Cottage Grove to Eugene said: "There is not a word of truth in the charge." Citizens of Cottage Grove and McMinnville protested after the legislative session, and Parkinson was called in to carry on the referendum campaign. Parkinson said Campbell offered him the bribe while he was his (Campbell's) guest at dinner. Parkinson says he spurned the offer.

**WATERFRONT.**

It is believed that the rates to Europe will be terribly slashed this summer by the steamship companies. There is getting to be too many steamers and business has been very slack of late.

Inspectors Bolles and Bulger have announced a new ruling for the district of California requiring the master, mate or pilot of every kind of craft to submit to an eye examination before applying for a license. All applicants for renewal of license will have to show certificate from the marine hospital service in proof that they are not afflicted with color blindness. This rule will be adopted in this district shortly.

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