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EDITORIAL SALAD.

WEATHER.

- Western Washington and Oregon—Continual rain. Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Rain or snow.

BUTTING IN, AS USUAL.

We know a sincere respect for the American Federation of Labor, we believe it has done, and is doing, a vast amount of good in the working world of the country but, along with every many others, we deplore its insistent and turbulent inclination to "butt in" at every conceivable opening that affords it the slightest pretext, as though it were the only agency that had the well-being of the working people at heart. The way it is attempting to make over the recent immigration directed toward South Carolina, is a case in point. That state, along with many others in the South, has realized that the labor market there needed new blood, new people and so welcomes to this end, after careful study, it commissions one of its own officers to go to Europe and call from the congested centers there a large group of the best, cleanest and healthiest men and women to come to South Carolina, not as immigrants helpless, poverty-stricken and inert, but as home-seekers, home-makers and builders, and in the simple assurance that there would be plenty of work for all when they should arrive. The plan had not only the conscientious endorsement of the state authorities, but the sanction of the federal commissioner and other officials at Washington, the whole movement being under the immediate direction of responsible and sensible men constantly and terminating in the entire satisfaction of the people of the state and the officers sent and named to the popular interest in the movement, as witness the article in last Sunday's issue of this paper from Dr. E. E. Earle, federal quarantine officer at Charleston, South Carolina. President Roosevelt himself was significant of the whole scheme from its inception, tacitly commended it, and watched it in its conclusion without check or interference. But the Federation of Labor gets a job its head and heels about the invasion of the federal quarantines and files formal protest against the alleged invasion, and makes itself officious and disagreeable as possible. We take the ground that the State of South Carolina has acted within the limit not only of the federal law but of the fairest and wisest concern for the good of its own interests and people, and that it has done the work with manifest consideration and a plain desire to secure the best possible class of immigrants, who shall become not only workers in its industries, but good citizens and home-builders for the Palmetto state. The Federation had best keep its hands off.

DISCIPLINE FIRST.

The sentimentalists of the society would do well to leave off their prayers and petitions to the government for the restoration of the blue-colored regiments lately disbanded and discharged from the service for crime. It is not a question of race or color or prejudice of any sort; it is a matter of the maintenance of the discipline and fixed regimen of the army itself, and was absolutely necessary. It would have ensued had the circumstances been white, instead of negro.

grows, and was done simply to compel respect for the discipline without which the whole army had best be paid off and discharged. A black man who cannot obey orders is no better than his white confrere who is in contempt of the rules he has sworn to live up to, the earnest and unwavering observance of which makes a good soldier, and disregard for which makes a bad soldier, and a menace to the stability and power of the corps to which he belongs. It is not a question of equality, nor of specific action in and sense, and had best be left to the men responsible for the credit and maintenance of the regiments of the army.

THE PUGET SOUND HORROR.

In the miserable details that come to us from the sound cities of the millions between the steamers Dix and Jennie, one forgets almost to inquire into the question of responsibility. The disaster is terrible and excites the keenest sympathy all over the country for the victims and those that are left to mourn them. The action of the Seattle chamber of commerce in invoking federal inquiry into the real cause of the awful affair, is commendable in the extreme, and we hope the issue will bring to light the last person in any way concerned in the tremendous disaster that wrought havoc and death, that when the responsibility is fixed, that no limitations will be permitted in the execution of the very letter of the law against such warden and wretched handling as has been committed in this case. It is time the marine effects of the land were being enforced for the better protection of an innocent traveling public. There is altogether too much carelessness apparent in the handling of the lesser craft employed in transportation business, on the Sound, and everywhere else on the coast.

THE SPECIOUS PLEA.

When Harry Thayer first fell into the clutches of the law for the murder of White, in New York, and his attorneys hinted that the plea of insanity would be invoked in exoneration of the crime, he himself was the first and foremost to repudiate the plea and claim immunity from the convenient and specious remedy for which high and mainly ground he won a measure of commendation throughout the country. But a few months or years ago, with the growing conviction that he is without other available means upon which to predicate a liberation from the noxious charge and its attendant penalty of death in the electric chair at Sing Sing, he calmly agrees to the use of the plea, and will lend every aid in his power to urge its admission and consequent effect of release. It is conceivable and America is becoming a by-word, and her courts a reproach, when such miserable and half-hearted and pulchre can be boldly handled over the country until common knowledge of the shame and its quiet acceptance by a people become passive under its constant repetition, moves the disaster of every just and clear-minded man in the world.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Since the government has begun its investigation of divorce it is correct that they are fever in summer. Publishers the thing.

After this the American and who marries a wife must understand that at the start that it will be useless for her to expect any sympathy.

A Chicago judge sentenced a man to jail for allowing his wife to support him. What is the country going to do for jobs, if this thing spreads?

A society woman has just flattered her son for marrying her maid, and yet the poor fellow may have been just trying to keep her in the family.

The Pullman sleeping car company is shown to have a surplus of \$23,000,000 in its treasury against use of the traveling public. This does not include the holdings of the government either.

Millions of it is here to separate home for the exclusive use of unmarried women and bachelors. It is impossible to decide at this time whether the objective stands or proceeds to the contrary.

To stimulate business to improve the situation Secretary of War Elihu Root has issued an order that every soldier who qualifies as an expert marksman shall receive \$1 per month extra pay, those qualifying as sharpshooters \$2 a month, and those rated as marksmen \$1 per month.

Seattle Kluge, who with her children might have married a fine fellow for her heart's desire, a joint pilot and unassuming man, the grand bride who controls the great Kluge and making industry at Eden.

Lawyers of America Are Not Doing Their Duty

By Professor W. D. GIBBS, Dean of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania

THE two fatal words "uncertainty," "delay" are interwoven in all our methods of doing legal business. The practical result of our antiquated systems in the complicated conditions of our social and business life would disgrace the early part of the nineteenth century, when practically all business was performed in a cumbersome way. But to a modern business man, accustomed to modern AND EFFICIENT methods of dispatching business, the delays and uncertainties of our administration of the law have become INTOLERABLE, they at the same time affording a sure refuge to the unscrupulous. In view of the just reputation of our people for quickness and efficiency, this grotesque condition of the administration of justice would be laughable IF IT WERE NOT SO SERIOUS.

The absurdities of the administration of our criminal law have allowed the hysteria which exists in a more or less positive form in every community to find outward expression IN THE CRIME OF LYNCHING. The delays of the civil law, tending to deprive the economically weak of justice, have been a potent factor in creating that widespread disrespect for law and DISTRUST OF COURTS which renders it increasingly difficult for us to meet the new and complicated problems of our social life.

Though the answers to the needs of the way in which the legal profession is performing its service to our communities are not all unobtainable, when as a whole the word FAILURE predominates.

DEGRADE IT AS WE MAY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS NOT ADMINISTERING JUSTICE WITH EFFICIENCY.

Our Citizen Soldier

By Bishop SARGENT of Illinois

WE have learned from English authorities that an army in the world is superior to the American army IN PHYSIQUE, DISCIPLINE AND MORALE of its men. Though comparatively few in number, they are sufficient for the needs of the nation in time of peace. But we must never be unprepared for the UNEXPECTED. Therefore we must have a vast host of men in training. No reluctance of any individual or corporate employer to have the members of the national guard serve should be witnessed. They are productive citizen soldiers.

THEY GIVE THEIR TIME AND SERVICES TO INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS AND YET CHEERFULLY UNDERGO THE SELF SACRIFICE DEMANDED FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CAMP AND FIELD.

Germany and whose subjects to the number of 65,000 under her a policy that is something more than a name, and her resources are several times greater than many realities and the product of her business makes her a vast power in time of war.

The American government favors games in a practical and direct way. When the most recent advanced the price of meat in a practically prohibitive figure, so far as the poor were concerned, the government went into the business and imposed the limit, at the same time giving better means. The competition had its effect and the price of meat fell to a reasonable price. The government has made arrangements whereby it has got into the meat business in a very large scale in any time the price becomes too greedy.

IN THE CITY THEATERS.

Wax Flanagan and his wonderful drama comedy "The Man in the Box" has reached the coast country and is called for the new Astoria theater in next Monday night, November 23. He not only brings the biggest and brightest theatrical sensation of the year, but a splendid company of players, and whatever fails to see it, misses the best scheme of entertainment now before American audiences. The funny situations included in the story of the retired army officer who wins his sweetheart while being duty as a machinist, from which phase of the play the title is taken are among the funniest and most ridiculous bits of extravagance ever seen on the stage. The Astoria should be proud of next Monday night as has been every theater on the continent during the westward progress of the play.

The second performance of "The Great Blue Comet" at the Star Theater last night was probably the greatest by the large audience. Miss Thomas and the actors gave their own approval. Tomorrow night will be the last performance of the bill, so if there are any that wish to see the play they should do so this evening. The "Theatricals" will be presented for your approval, the new comedy "The Man in the Box" is the most and best should have seen it, for a night's pleasure from the bill of entertainers.

"HAZEL KIRKE."

In the Astoria theater last night the Mack Swain company repeated "Hazel Kirke" to good attendance. "The King" is an ideal "Hazel" and presents a charming and in the same

time powerful interpretation of the character and the others in the cast acquit themselves most admirably. The same play will be presented tonight and at the Saturday matinee. Tomorrow night the bill will be changed to "The Three Musketeers," a sensational comedy-drama, in which Jack King Swain will appear in "The King of Spades," a sensational adventure, and Mack Swain as "Tom Mason," a happy-go-lucky tramp.

In Time of Peace.

In the few months of the Russo-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early advantage of those who so to speak, "have staked their roots in dry weather." The value of preparation has made history and given to us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the fire and you take? A solid can be treated much more quickly when treated as soon as it has been contracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by Frank Hart, Leading Druggist.

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increase and \$1.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. S. R. is Popular. Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it.

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To your horses as well as yourself, your horses need not suffer. Try a bottle of Bullard's Snow Liniment. It cures all pains. J. M. Roberts, Bakerfield, Wa., writes: "I have used your liniment for ten years and find it the best I have ever used for man or beast." Hart's Drug Store.

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Into such life some rain must fall, While people float air down and haul. Only those people at this night, Smart people like Rocky Mountain. You at night. For sale by Frank Hart.

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