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THE PLAIN ROAD.

There is a possibility that government ownership may be attained via the policy of government interference. The rarity of the latter in commercial affairs presupposes a long and dubious route, however, and that were a decided advantage in forming the public mind for the final adoption of the inevitable doctrine of handling the huge public utilities. We say inevitable advisedly, because, as the viewpoint of today offers no others radical and comprehensive solution of the vexed questions of safety and honestly disposing of the shams and shames of private ownership and exploitation of the cardinal industries and services of the nation, we naturally turn to the one available means of accomplishing what the people, in common justice, need and demand. If there is another means of reaching and conserving the popular administration of the immense utilities such as transportation and the staple industries and manufactures, it has not been offered us yet, and we know of no plan so vitally and plainly adaptable.

When the government interferes with any big question or business of the country, which is presumably a wholly private concern, the conditions inviting and warranting that interference are so bad as to completely sanction the extraordinary step, and the oftener this step is taken, the more amenable the public conscience and sense will become to the final and best expression of interference, namely, public ownership.

Just at present there is a well defined demand that the government shall enter the field of arbitrament as between the telegraphers and the companies affected by the great strike; and it is not improbable that it will meet the wishes of the people and interfere. The business of the nation is being turned topsyturvy and the continuation of the strike must eventuate in disaster and confusion that will be almost irretrievable, the very government itself being among the worst sufferers from the tie-up.

That the interposition of the federal authorities in this case will be successful is accepted on all sides; and that success is the very meat of our contention that this policy is the direct course to the larger and lasting introduction of the fixed code of national ownership. That these great issues can be effectually settled to the satisfaction of all

concerned by the mere intervention of an authoritative element, lends color to the theory of success that shall attend the reality of ownership. And if this is the only way by which the people can come to their own in the matter of public services and supplies, then it were well to let the object-lessons go on to the limit of fruition. Relief must come, and soon. The people are getting wiser every hour during the steadfast uproar that is in progress, and there will be something doing in the near future that the people will be wholly, and sturdily, responsible for.

WILL HE DO IT?

President Moore, of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, has said that he will use his private fortune to help make good the losses to depositors in that institution, and the people are anxious to see whether there is any of that old-fashioned honesty still extant in the world today. There is no question of his having plenty of means to make good on the proposition, but will he do it? Men have said such things so often and then passed the promise up on a hundred and one pretexts, that the general run of men are dubious about the quality of honesty that inspires so bold and admirable a pledge. There is one thing certain to attach to the fulfillment of such a guaranty: If Moore keeps his word, there is nothing he will ever be denied in the way of business confidence in this section of the country; the departure such a policy would indicate, from the usual methods of dodging such responsibilities, would place him on a very pinnacle of commercial honor and give him an unique place in the annals of Oregon finance. We hope he will do it, for his own sake, for the good of the bank he was so proud of, and for the credit of the State of Oregon; it will be heralded to the limits of civilization, as a mark of the turn in the tide of human honesty and the resumption of the tactics once used commonly and promptly in the solution of great monetary crises. The code of today has but rarely shown an integrity great monetary crises. The code of to-day, and its expression once again will react with conspicuous and diffusive effect everywhere.

THE HOMING SHIPS.

The good ship St. Nicholas, with her several hundreds of people and her valuable cargo, has dropped anchor in her home-port of Astoria, to the great satisfaction of her owners and the families of the men on board. We are all glad to welcome them back from Alaska; her arrival took on a greater zest of comfort and pleasure, by reason of the solemn fact that her sister-ship in this same venture of the north, the John Currier, will never again show her couter in harbor waters anywhere in the world.

The federal revenue cutter Manning is rushing to the relief of the stranded crew of the Currier up on the bleak Alaskan coast, and will soon land the men back in Seattle or Astoria, perhaps none the worse for their experience; but wiser by reason of a dangerous and unhappy experience incident to a wreck of the sort. They will find the same cordial welcome awaiting them here as though they had come in, in due course, and a bit amplified by the narrow escape they have had from rigors entirely unlooked for.

The ship that never comes back always leaves a lingering sadness in the minds of those who were most nearly interested in her, and she is never forgotten but is always reverted to in a mournful way that begets kindly thought of her, and so it will be in this port, with the memory of the John Currier!

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"PLAY BALL!"

It seems the men of the American and Japanese navies, in Far Eastern waters are playing baseball as a pastime, with varying scores, and the U. S. boys at present in the lead. This is alright. This is the pleasanter method of mingling and knowing each other, than can be found in the regimen of war; and the understanding likely to be attained through such channels as this, will be of a deeper and more lasting kind, than those conferred by the harsher processes of battle and sudden death.

We predict, however, that the Jap will find his master on the diamond if he keeps this sport going over there, and what he shall win will be mostly complimentary; but be that as it may, it is a good thing for men to meet on such a line of intercourse rather than to come together in the gross and desperate game of international warfare.

We wish the whole scheme of diplomacy and intermediation could be wrought on a basis of the great national games of the various countries; it would be infinitely preferable to the delicate and dangerous recourses now available; and the world could laugh longer and louder and enjoy itself with happier zest if we struck all our balances on scorecards rather than on the tape-bound documents that mean so much or so little as they are construed by dyspeptic statesmen.

Down with war! Play ball everybody!

HINTS OR THE PICKNICKERS.

To be a success, a picnic luncheon must be properly prepared and daintily served, and while its ingredients may be of the simplest character, its composition requires just as much thought and attention from the hostess as many more elaborate repasts.

Thus, in packing the hamper for the out-of-doors luncheon, one must be very careful, not only to make a harmonious selection of foods, but also to see that each of these viands is packed in such manner that it may be served neatly and attractively. When several kinds of sandwiches, are served, for example, let each variety be wrapped in a separate piece of paraffin paper, says The Delineator.

If salads are taken, they should be placed between two butter boats, and these should be tightly covered with a cloth that has been dampened with cold water. Fruit and eggs should be carefully packed in boxes; cake and cookies should be rolled in the wax paper; cold cooked meats should be enclosed in paraffin paper and then in cloth, and such sweets as jams, marmalades or ellies should not be taken unless they are in some securely covered receptacle. If there are no facilities for the making of tea or coffee, these beverages may be prepared at home and conveyed to the picnic grounds in tightly sealed jars.

Lemonade may also be made at home and carried in a demijohn—provided boiling water is used in making it—but, in such a case, some arrangements would have to be made for ice with which to

cool it, and as this commodity is not always available, it is better to take the lemons and sugar in the hamper and depend upon the supply of cool water that can usually be found near all picnicking places. It is also better not to take butter for such a luncheon, but, if butter is absolutely necessary it must be packed in a tin pail so that it may be put in a cool spot as soon as the grounds are reached.

TRIED TO STAB POLICEMAN.
 BROOKLYN, August 24.—Rocco Furello, 20 years old, of 668 Kent avenue, was found last night, at Graham street and Park avenue, brandishing a stiletto. He was arrested by Policeman Hanlon of the Flushing avenue station. A struggle ensued and Furello tried to stab the policeman. When taken before Magistrate Naumer, in the Myrtle avenue court, today, Furello was fined \$3 on a charge of intoxication and held in \$500 bail for trial at Special Sessions on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

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EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Oyster Bay crowd that were "disappointed" at not seeing President Roosevelt last Sunday were at a church, but it can hardly be said they went to church.

It is evident that if any trust magnate should be sentenced to break stone Chancellor Day would get blisters on his hands in a few hours.

Probably, however, it is not the habitual easy marks who are buying all the shares that are sold at times like these.

But how can a foreign Prince keep out of Newport social rivalry if he is called upon to compete with the Newport chimpanzee as a social attraction!

The Connecticut legislature has only just adjourned after a seven months' session. For a steady-habited people, they seem to require a lot of governing.

The Pennsylvania graft commission hesitates to make a report, perhaps fearing people will think it sounds like an Orchard confession.

Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary are up against the ancient hard necessity of choosing between popularity and a job.

Bill Ward says: "If the public service commission will inaugurate a continuous circular trolley system of one-cent doubled-decked bridge cars on the outer loop they will get rid of the present crush."

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