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INCREASE OF CRIME IN UNITED STATES.

TATISTICS gathered for McClure's Magazine in regard to the prevalence of crime in the United States, as compared with other countries, are not fiattering to our boasted institutions, and may well cause statesmen as well as sociologists to inquire not only with diligent scrutiny but with pained humility into the causes

Only in Russia, according to the magazine mentioned are more murders committed than in the United States, and we are a close second to Russia in this respect. The proportion here is more than double that of any other European country, and ten times as many murders are committed here as in Great Britain and Ireland.

Not only so, but this and other atrocious crimes are alarmingly on the increase. This is not due to the influx of foreigners, for states with few immigrants, like Kentucky, show their full quota of murders. McClure's insists, indeed, that the immigrants who commit crimes mostly get their education in law-breaking after arriving

The principal reasons for this deplorable state of affairs are two: The delay and uncertainty of justice; and fruit state. The fruit industry may become, and should the open and insolent violation of law by corporations, become, one of vast proportions and value, scarcely secfinanciers, politicians, officeholders and leaders of so-

money, commits a murder, the chances are at least even that he will not be punished according to law, and if he is executed it is only after long delays for the most trivial reasons. And as to other crimes, few rich people or those with influential friends are punished at all, or only inally. A bank president may rob bundreds of people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the nces are now about ten to one that he will escape with

Our great railroad corporations violate the laws daily, openly, defiantly, scornfully, and our courts are power-less to punish them, to prevent them from doing so, or session after session, term after term, refuses to take any steps to bring them to book. Why should not individ-uals reason that they should have the same privilege to violate laws at will that corporations and syndicates en-

from the foundation, and spread upward, so much as it springs from the creatures of law who spurn and trample upon the very means which gave them an existence and

There is a widespread and growing feeling permeating like an insidious disease our whole social, political and economic systems, that laws are made for other people, or to obey only when it suits our convenience and will be

worse than Burton, have been influential there for a quarter of a century. Our state passes a law to protect salmon; the officer charged with its execution ignores it. Contractors systematically plunder the taxpayers and nobody supposes they can do so habitually and continually without collusion with officials. It is more trouble and work to close up a gambling house, a clearly and indisputably illegal and an utterly vicious concern, than it would be to build the portage railroad and a line of river the method of advertising for the bids and the determinant of whather certain withheld victor many continuation.

rupts others, either by example or precept. Some will only go so far in law-breaking; others lose all restraint, and become everything criminal and become everything criminal and the company of the com One crime leads to another; one violator of law cor-

What is needed badly in this country is the prompt enforcement of laws against all alike, both in original

FRUIT INDUSTRY IN OREGON.

HILE complete and exact figures are not yet obtainable, enough are available to show that the fruit crop of Oregon, as a whole, has exceeded in quantity, quality and value that of any former year, and this despite the large shrinkage in prune production, owing to non-paying prices. For all other fruits of good quality there is and has been a ready and brisk demand, at prices yielding fair profits, and in many in-stances very large profits, to the horticulturalists of the

Every year for several years past this has been truea larger yield, and taken altogether products of better quality, than the year before. And this will doubtless be the case for many years to come. While the yield of fruits this year makes a fairly good showing, the state has made as yet only a beginning of what it can and should do in the prosecution of this pleasant, useful and profitable industry.

The Hood River apples have literally obtained worldwide fame. They are the favorite apples not only in New York and Boston, near which cities are countless orchards producing good apples, but in London, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Hongkong and Manila. And perhaps not only Hood River that can produce apples of very superior quality. Other localities in various eastern Oregon counties, almost all of them in fact, can do the same.

Then in southern Oregon, especially in Jackson county, so far as development along this line has yet gone, there are thousands of acres of as fine apple orchards as can be found in the United States, producing fruit almost if not quite equal to that of Hood River, and there are may operate nor what apparent hardship they work, other tens of thousands of acres equally well adapted to The general interests are involved in the outcome and this purpose. And in the Willamette valley, while perturbed the lesson of the past should not be lost upon any one.

haps not quite so delightfully pungent a flavor can be of tained, apples of excellent quality, and that will find We speak here of apples particularly because they are

the great standby among fruits. Good apples are good nearly all the year, and are always salable. The supply, the year through, never equals the demand. They make the safest fruit crop, both in the matter of production and in point of marketing profitably. A man with a good, well-tended apple orchard is always sure of an income The apple is the king of fruits. The world is constantly demanding good apples, more than it can get, and Oregon can do considerable during the next quarter of a century, toward supplying that demand.

But Oregon can produce a large list and variety other fruits and berries in great profusion and in size and quality equaling those raised in any part of the country. As our population grows there will of course be an increasing home market for these fruits, and regions where they cannot be profitably raised will also aford a constantly growing market. For these reasons it is apparent that Oregon is destined to become a great become, one of vast proportions and value, scarcely sec-

forward and upward into the place in the rank of fruitthe state should assist by such legislation as experience has shown necessary or beneficial. The state board of horticulture has done an excellent work, and it will be adopt such changes in the law as it may recommend.

TWO NEEDED STEPS.

HERE IS NOT an unprejudiced man in Portland who now believes that either the city engineer, The dereliction of the city engineer, who, after all, is the man directly responsible to the people, is so farreaching in its consequences that the public has been fairly startled. Public work involving thousands upon thousands of dollars is done each year under his superintendence. He, and he alone, stands between the taxpayer and robbery. It is not alone that the contractors
may be overpaid for the work they ought to do but that
Russell Sage on account of his. at the disposal of favored bidders thus giving them an undue advantage. It likewise brings into question all

The situation could not well be more serious for the city and taxpayers. It calls for two distinct steps. First, that there be a rigid investigation and an impartial prosecutions, in subsequent proceedings, and in penalties. report on all jobs now being done under the of the city engineer's department, and second, that the engineer, assistant engineer and the inspector involved in the Tanner creek scandal be at once removed from office and the whole department at once placed upon a basis to command public confidence.

GETTING TOGETHER ON THE SALMON LAWS

HE southwest Washington legislative combine consisting of senators and representatives, will meet with the western Oregon legislative representatives at Astoria tomorrow afternoon at I o'clock for the purpose of arranging for a uniform system of laws with reference to the salmon fishing industry. The whole outlook has become so serious that those engaged in the business have themselves become alarmed, for a continuance of the present methods will undoubtedly lead to the destruction of the industry. In this respect Washington has been a great sinner but Oregon has also sinned.

It is absolutely necessary that sharp and decisive action be at once taken in this matter, but it is quite as necessary that whatever is decided upon-should be upheld by public sentiment and that the fish wardens execute the law to the letter. Much of the trouble now experienced results from the very fact that the law as it more than one tenth of the Hood River valley is yet util-ized to the full extent in fruit production. But it is not stands is not enforced. The wardens have winked at evasions and the closed seasons have been delusions and snares. Nobody has paid any attention to them and nobody now would but for the fact that the industry is threatened with a genuine calamity.

It is probably not yet too late to set in motion plans to remedy the evil but the starting point must be a strict enforcement of the laws no matter against whom they

New York's all too well known practical joker, Brian G. Hughes, owes his carefully planned practical joke on some unauspecting friends. He actually went to the trouble to box up a harmless to the trouble to box up a harmless in the underpinning and dropped the little powder, which was labelled "Polson to Roaches," and this he distributed widely among his friends. Each package contained a slip announcing that the second box of the preparation would be infallible. A number of people were induced to ask for this box. The second box contained the following directions:

"First catch the roach, then hold it firmly and tickle it with a feather till it laughs, then drop some of the powder down its throat and choke it."

tence the court seat of justice gave way in the underpinning and dropped the "judge" to the floor. "I guess the weight of the sentence busted it," was led to the pen.

From "Retrospects."

I have beard Carlyle pour forth a continuous stream of impassioned declamation for more than an hour at a time; and so keen were his characterizations, so felicitous his arrow-shots of criticism, so rich his satire, so intense his patraotic sympathy with all that be-

Prom the Philadelphia Record.
The judicial dignity that characteres proceedings in the central police art, where Magistrate Rockersperger spensos justice, was rudely jarred yes-

rispenses justice, was rudely jarred yeserday.

At the bar was a prisoner with a
secord as a hardened offender, and upon
time the magistrate fixed a stern, uncompromising eye. "You are a bad man
a very bad man," he said. "It is
secessary to make an example of you

In the past 20 years Italy has sent
more than 2,000,000 persons to the United States. A number of these have returned in the course of time, bringing
with them carefully, hoarded savings.

A very large majority have remained in
the United States.

and I am going to give you a heavy will go to the house of correction for

As the magistrate pronounced the sen-tence the court seat of justice gave way

criticism, so rich his satire, so intense his patriotic sympathy with all that be-longed to national life and character, that no listener could wish the wonder-ful utterance to cease.

SPARE MEN NOT WANTED.

From the Chicago Tribune. Plerpont Morgan is not what might be called garrulous. In fact, he seidom speaks unless he has something to say On one occasion he wanted to get a superintendent for a certain new depart. ment that he had established. He thought he knew the man for this sup-erintendency—an assistant to one of his

office, would fill the place well, indeed."
I am sure he would," said the other.
The only trouble is, Mr. Morgan, Brown

Good Time at Puneral From the Lebanon, Va., News.

Misses Maud and Minnie Thompson,
Lillian Wilson and Katy Rummel, accompanied by Harry Thompson attended a
funeral in Buchanan, Sunday, and got
plenty of grapes and chestnuts, and a
good old dinner and reported just a fine
time. We bet they will do it again.

Small Change

Tax the fakers high.

Will Mrs. Chadwick write a book?

Maybe Mrs. Chadwick contributed

Old Habeas Corpus scarcely gets day's rest in this lively town.

Any town that doesn't want a The twilight of the day of public gambling in Oregon is approaching.

Perhaps Mrs. Chadwick will now have an opportunity to enjoy the simple life.

necessity of proving her insanity again. There is nothing small about Mrs. Chadwick, financially, except the out-

If Banker Beckwith had had any money Mrs. Chadwick could had it.

Sixteen canons to one crown prince,

That Bultic fleet is not making the time that the battleship Oregon did from the Pacific coast to Santiago bay.

Tariff reform is to be put off till fall, it is said. And then till spring, and then till fall, and so on, probably.

That there is a Mrs. Chadwick not so strange as that there should bankers like Beckwith and Newton.

We may have to import some sheriffs, constables, coroners and police officers to help take care of the arresting boom.

What is the matter with the Olsens? Within a few days one committed sui-cide, another attempted to commit sui-cide, and another narrowly missed being

Jim Jeffries' father is to make preaching tour around the world. I and Jim traveling together ought, iraw piles of silver, but the old ma alone is likely to encounter frosts.

Mrs. Howard Gould has chos

Oregon Sidelights

Coos county also exports a good many All of 18 votes were cast at the Amity

Thirty votes were cast in the Pilot

Sixty-three votes were cast at

The Unfatilla river is lower than it Isn't this playing at being a city by some small settlements rather absurd

No use yet for sleighs Oregon. But wait a little. There are 200,000 sheep in Umatilla county—two thirds of them ewes.

Klamath county sawmills are all busy and improvements are going on all over the county.

The Nyssa Progress gives notice that hereafter no liquor advertisements of any nature will appear in its columns.

It is now believed that the W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road compans will join with the people of the Malheur valley, and that the big irrigation project will be pulled off.

Echo News: The Maxwell Land & Irrigation company, backed almost ex-clusively by Seattle capital, is now vig-orously pushing the construction work on its large irrigation system in the Maxwell and Cold Spring valleys. Out Maxwell and Cold Spring valleys. Out of a vast expanse of sand and sage-brush, practically worthless, will be produced hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of taxable property. This one enterprise alone will increase the assessment roll of the county over \$1,000,000.

A. H. Carson, near Grants Pass, raised 3,000 crates of fine grapes from 35 acres of land, and will plant 35 acres more. He raises principally the Rose of Peru, "Please, sir, I am lost. Will anybody"

of land, and will plant 35 scres more. He raises principally the Rose of Peru, Maivoise, Tokay and Mission. He has engaged in general farming and nursery business, but has found that grape growing is more profitable than either of the other vocations and he will hereafter confine his attention to grape growing. Mr. Carson's success is but added proof that the Rogue River valley will soon become one of the great vineyard districts of the United States.

Trom Leslie's Weekly.

Under a local regulation made pessi-

Land Policy of German Cities

A conference on housing reform was recently held at Bourneville, a model village near Birmingham. From an account of it given in the New York Evening Post, its chief interest seems to have been the revelation of astonishing progress made by German municipalities and the rapidly widening scope of their ideals of corporate functions. Scientists, engineers and sanitarians have cooperated with the governing bodies of the nation, states and cities to elaborate a system of laws that shall facilitate condemnation of land for municipal use, a fuller control of the use of building sites, the elaboration of far-reaching street plans, and progressive taxation of vacant lands according to the unearned increment of their value through urban growth. Under the Saxon law, if the city thinks any plot of land too small to serve as a site for such buildings as it would like to see built, the plot must be sold to the community. The city has also power to distribute plots if their ownership hinders the carrying out of the city's plan by reason of their form or size or position. Every New Yorker knows of cases in this city where such fers could have been used to the great that Berlin is about to follow. The advantages claimed by the advocates of the measure are that it tends to depres the price of unimproved lands, to preven speculation, and to attimulate building and thus in every way to assist in the housing of urban population.

TRACEING OYAMA TO SHOOT.

when it came down in dust and pieces he capered about and screamed in his delight like an excited schoolboy.

EUMBLED BY HIS DIGHTEY.

Prom the Chicago Tribune.

In the early days of Springfield, Mo, a preacher bought some sausage for lunch one Sunday and took it to church with him. He carried the sausage in the back pocket of his coat, and a dog, catching the scent, followed him. Every few feet the preacher would kick backward at the dog without looking around. Arriving at church, the preacher began the services and the dog lay behind the altar.

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A few minutes later one of the descons stole quietly up behind the preacher, intending to hand him a sheet of paper, and pulled his coat tail. Without glancing back, the preacher gave one victous kick and sent the deacon rolling down the altar steps on to the dog, which set up a terrible howling. The preacher, still looking straight ahead, said:

"My friends, this thieving scoundred has been trying to rob me ever since I made a purchase at the butcher shop before coming here."

When the preacher discovered what he had done he dismissed the congregation and went outside to kick the dog.

UP-TO-DATE ADVERTISING.

will soon become one of the great vineyard districts of the United States.

Vale Gazette: Fully 120,000 acres will
be irrigated under this (the government)
project. It is now estimated that the
cost of reclamation will not be over \$25
an acre. All the government asks is
the cost of reclamation. The government loans you \$3,000,000, without interest. What more do you want? You've
got the earth, and the government offers
you the water. Will you take it, or
will you linger on and let it slip from
your grasp? Now is your time to make
Melheur county the most productive
section west of the Rockies.

From Leslie's Weekly.

Under a local regulation made poestble by the new state municipal code
the city of Cleveland, O., has forged to
the front among American municipalities in dealing with the signboard nuisame. The regulation referred to declares all signboards and biliboards now
and hereafter erected on any residence
street within 200 feet of any park, park
below the city of Cleveland, O., has forged to
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Helped Make "Cardiff Giant

The hroad-and-short-baseded man is ranged to quarry the rock which was afterward made into the Cardiff Giant, one of the most cologasi frauds ever perpetrated upon the public.

It was in July, 1858, that two men, one giving his mime as Hull of Syracuse and the other Martin, claiming to half from Codar Rapids, engaged quariers and the other Martin, claiming to half from Codar Rapids, engaged quariers in the St. Charles hotel in Fort Dodge. They pretended to be studying conditions about Fort Dodge and inquiries as to where they could find a large ledge of gypsum rock.

They even went so far as to buy an acre of ground and quarried it to find just what they wanted, but failed. They were finally informed in a casual way that Michael Feley, who was getting out yook for a railroad company, could probably get them what they wanted. When pressed for an explanation as to what purpose they had, Hull explained that they were going to ship it to New York to exhibit and then raise a stock company to manufacture plaster of paria. Martin said they were going to take it to Springfield, Ill., as Iowa's contribution to the Lincoln monument, which was being built.

Mr. Foley informed them that he could fill their order. He had just stripped a ledge of gypsum rock about 100 feet long. On top of this he drilled some 12 holes and poured in powder. A long the town of the condition on a dock previous to loading on a wagon, it was cut in two. When all was in readiness for transportation to wagon, it was cut in two. When all was in readiness for transportation to the Mincoln monument which was being built.

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Horace Fletcher in the December World's Work.

"Twenty-five years ago I was an experienced rifle shot, and could hit a moving object every time. The 22-caliber rifle and machine-made cartridge, which came into general use in the "70s, made extensive rifle practice possible. I wrote and published at the time of a pamphlet on how to shoot with a rifle, it the appearance of human skin, treated 15 happened that copies of the pamphlet it with needles while it was sincent up-reached Japan, where I spent some times soon after. Japan had just begun to make a military organization, on the most modern lines, and Marquis Oyams was minister of war. He invited me to visit him in his home at Tokio, and showed great interest in the method of learning to shoot at a moving object with a rifle. He had aiready seen the pamphlet.

I had a number of American rifles and ample ammunition with me in Japan, and Marquis Oyams and the them Colonel Murata (inventor of the Japan nesse military rifle) joined me several afternoons at target practice. They entered enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusiastically into the spirit, Oyams in particular showing the enthusi

Iowa, then editor of the Iowa Northwest, traced the matter, and published the first exposure of the Cardiff Giant.

HIS VIEWS FOR SALE.

The story is told by President Hadley

questioner and turned without speaking to look at the view.
"Do you think," asked President Hadley, now confirmed in his idea that he was talking to a student, "that this chasm was caused by some great upheaval of nature, or is it the result of erosion or glacial action? What are

"My views," said the stranger quickly,

TO ABOLISE SPECTACLES.

From the New York Herald.

It is a surprise to find some of the newest methods of advertising in common practice in Russia. Indeed, the tricks of the trade there are perfectly understood. A New York business man connected with one of the largest advertising agencies is authority for the following story.

He was in St. Petersburg, on a crowded street, when his attention was attracted by a forlorn little boy, ragged and apparently half-starved, who was crying bitterly.

What's the matter little boy?

ance.

The cures of myopia, hypermetropia and astigmatism are said to be permanent.

From the New York Herald.

"A neighbor of mine up in New Rochelle has a boy of 10 of a peculiarly inquiring turn of mind," said Marc Klaw, "and during the recent campaign he was an omnivorous reader of the political columns in the newspapers. He knew the pames of all the leading candidates and took a deep interest in their personalities. One day while he was studying out a paragraph in a paper he looked up to his mother and said:

"Mamma, what does "Hon." mean?

"'Hon?" I don't understand you.
Hon what?

"Why, it says "Hon." Tom Watson.
What is "Hon."?

"Oh, that's only an abbreviation, "Hon." means honorable.

"Well, mamma, who is the Honorable Tomerable Watson, anyway?"

The Yankee Head Losing Shape

amounts to about 1,000,000 persons a year—has largely changed from northern Europeans—Italians, Eungarians, Lithuanians, Croatians and Polish, Roumanian and Russian Jows—this prophccy regarding the shape of the future
American's head is pregnant with suggestions of coming changes in our national characteristics.

These pioneers with high skulls drew after them those whom poverty and drudgery impelled to seek new homes for purely material reasons. The immigrant with the broad, short head was seen more frequently.

Today the great bulk of our immigration comes from the countries in which the peasantry have for generations been coerced from the ideal to the practical and material. The few artists among them have high skulls, but the masses have short heads widened at the base by the struggle for existence which has called for the almost exclusive exercise of that part of the brain which deals with the vital and practical.

Wideness just over the cars is taken

with the vital and practical.

Wideness just over the ears is taken to indicate destructiveness and combatitiveness. Wideness a little higher up means cautiousness. A full, overhanging backhead, such as one sees, in the German type, represents domesticity. A famous authority illustrates the point by an examination of the head of a cat.

at.
"If it is a domestic cat it will be "If it is a domestic cat it will be largely developed in the posterior region and the back of the head will protrude, but if it is averse to being petted it will show no particular development in this region. If it is a very cautious cat the side development will be fully represented and cautiousness will be large and active. If it is an observing cat, and a good mouser, it will be developed over the eyes."

A study of the immigrants pouring

and a good mouser, it will be developed over the eyes."

A study of the immigrants pouring into New York just now seems to confirm the idea that the typical American of the future will be more practical and domestic, but less imaginative, less benevolent and less reverent.

Another fact not without grave implications is the expenditure of about \$50,000,000 in 10 years for the cure of the, foreign born insane in the United States, not to speak of the official statement that, of something like \$4,000 insane persons in New York state, one-half are foreign born, although the aliens in the state only amount to one-fourth of the whole population.

Lewis and Clark

In winter quarters in what is now North Dakota.

December 14.—The morning was fine, and the weather having moderated so far that the mercury stood at zero, Captain Lewis went down with a party to hunt; they had proceeded about 18 miles but the buffalo having left the banks of the river they saw only two, which were so poor as not to be worth killing, and shot two deer. Notwithstanding the snow we were visited by a large number of the Mandans. In winter quarters in what is now

From the Chicago Tribune.

"Well," said the old doctor, "you've got your diploma now."

"Yes," replied the young one. "I worked very hard for it, and now.I'd like to go away for a vacation, but I have to start right in and practice."