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WHEN LAW IS SPURNED. PRIME essential for good citizenship is respect for the law. When there is no such respect, society is diseased and the body politic demoralized.

HERMANN ACQUITTED. AT LAST, after a long trial, the government has lost a case against an Oregon land-fraud defendant, and Binger Hermann is the victor.

small sub-ways; that he regarded office of whatever kind as to a large extent a private snap; that he was not willing the whole truth and nothing but the truth should be told, and that he was in suspicious intimacy with land thieves, are manifest facts.

THE American Railway Association, recently in session in Chicago, took one step toward relieving the chronic freight-car famine by penalizing the detention by one road of cars of other roads.

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THE morning paper criticizes the New York Times for misquoting W. J. Bryan as saying, "If you differ with me in respect to the initiative and referendum I will drive you out of the Democratic party."

Let the country be thankful that the Hermann jury agreed, so that the case will not have to be tried again. The people are nearly as tired of Hermann as they were of Thav.

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Letters From the People

Not a Single Tax Measure. Portland, April 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—As a thorough believer in the single tax, I want to protest against the information which has been given out by Mr. Walter O. Haines (if you have reported him correctly) that the Wagon free-water proposition is in the nature of a single tax measure.

The single-taxer proposes to place taxation, and particularly all improvements which in their nature primarily benefit real estate, directly upon land values so benefited. We advocate that the whole community should be made equal in the matter of taxation, and that every man be awarded for his energies and labor according to what he is able to produce.

In some other respects the rest of the Christian world has gone far beyond—or else is yet far behind—the Quakers, who hold that religion is absolutely and solely a spiritual thing, and that all forms and ceremonies are obstructions, not illuminations, of spiritual truth.

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A Sermon for Today

Doing God's Work. By Henry F. Cope. "The works that I do shall be done also." John xiv:12.

IT SEEMS easy to see something peculiarly holy, something deeply religious in the occupations and acts of the priesthood or the ministry.

There are many who desire to do some religious work who fail to engage in divine service. There is in almost every breast a desire to do something high and holy, something that is not necessary, utilitarian, with some other motive than bread winning.

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Hymns to Know.

The Morning Light. By Samuel Francis Smith. "Hallelujah, praise the Lord, who has redeemed us from all iniquity, and who has saved us from every nation." The morning light is breaking; The darkness disappears; The sons of earth are waking To potential tears; Each breeze that sweeps the ocean Brings tidings of war; Of nations in commotion, Prepared for Zion's war.

Today in History.

1588—James Monroe, first president of the United States, born. Died July 4, 1831. 1778—Captain Cook and party landed at Botany Bay and named the country New South Wales. 1783—Mutiny of the Bounty. 1851—Admiral Coadrin, hero of Navarino, died. 1859—American ship Pomona, from Liverpool to New York, wrecked; 369 lives lost. 1868—Sir Samuel Cusard, founder of the Cunard line, died. 1894—British naval forces took possession of Nicaraguan custom house at Corinto. 1899—John Hays Hammond and associates convicted of high treason by the Transvaal government and sentenced to death.

Sentence Sermons.

By Henry F. Cope. Love makes the heaviest load seem light. To be willing to be saved alone is to be lost. The truly godly see something divine in all. Your appreciation may be another's inspiration. Learn to find life's worth in your work more than in your wage. It's no use praying for power until you are sure of your purpose. You cannot find full truth until you obey the truth you have to the full. Many mistake a derangement of the stomach for a change of heart. A man has almost learned to live when he has solved the problem of his leisure. How many a time have we missed perfection while hunting for praise. Success is the ability to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks. You cannot judge right until you love and then you may not judge at all. Faith is not preserved by wrapping it in verbiage which has been dead for centuries. Self-control is not so much in subduing the faculties as in leading them to serve worthy ends. To be thinking always of your own advantage is the easiest way to advance backward. Many a man hopes to be a saint while mixing with folks who would corrupt an angel. Too many want to hide their dodging of the ten commandments behind doubts about Moses. Your right to the golden streets will take care of itself if you take care of the golden rule here. The only people who dare think they have a right to do nothing are those who are fit for nothing. When you find a man who is too busy to think of religion you usually find one who is afraid to stop and look at his own record.