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EQUALITY AND SQUARE DEAL

THE Washington Post says in effect that the term "square deal" is nonsense, the same as is the assertion in the Declaration that all men are born free and equal.

It is not the government's business to take wealth from the rich and give it to the poor, except by way of an inheritance and perhaps an income tax, and it certainly cannot divide one man's wisdom and give part of it to an ignorant man; but it can and should neither make opportunities, except purely necessary political ones, for some, nor deprive any of opportunities.

It may be impossible for the government to give everybody exactly a square deal, to see that everybody has precisely what is coming to him; but the government can strive to avoid building up a few and unduly burdening the many, as it has been doing for many years.

THE CONGO COUNTRY.

REV. HERBERT JOHNSON, formerly of Oregon, now a Boston minister, has been in Portland and vicinity lately depicting the oppression of King Leopold's government of Congo and describing the barbarities and cruelties practiced by him upon the natives.

In which he intimated that the reports of cruelties were much exaggerated. If not largely inventions; that he saw but little proof of them, and that old Leopold was not so black as he had been painted.

The United States has business enough on its hands without delving into Darkest Africa on a revolutionizing or reforming mission, yet from the fact stated at the outset it is quite in order for this country to join with England and the other powers responsible for Leopold's mastership of the Congo to compel him to release his hold on that country and allow the natives a chance for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Anticipating some such movement, Leopold has leased great portions of the country to a syndicate headed by T. F. Ryan and J. D. Rockefeller Jr., but whether the natives would be any better off under these benevolent despots is uncertain.

WE—AND OTHERS.

IT IS all right to think well of our country, of ourselves as a people, and teach our children to do the same. But due appreciation of ourselves and proper patriotism should not cause us to despise or underrate other peoples.

We are great, as a nation, but we lack much of having reached perfection yet in any respect. Nor is it certain that we are relatively so wise or progressive as we are prone to imagine. We can learn something from almost any other people—the Swiss, the Finns, the New Zealanders, the Scandinavians, the Dutch, the French, the Japanese.

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especially strangers and foreigners. And yet we call these little people, who are as stout and tough as they are intelligent and brave, heathens.

WHERE ARE OREGON'S DAIRY-MEN?

NINETY per cent of the cheese produced in this country comes from five states—New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan.

PEACEFUL BENTON COUNTY.

LAWYERS up in Benton county must have rather hard scratching to make a living, judging from the dearth of legal business there.

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port a good-sized family in comfort. And money could be brought in all the year besides from chickens and eggs.

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There is a loud call from the harvest fields for laborers, and we would kindly suggest to the Beavers that perhaps they could not do better

than to head it. They might not make as much money, but they would be inconspicuous, even if they were fired after a day's trial. They seem to have sufficiently demonstrated the fact that they can't play ball, but they might be alert and active enough to do reasonable stunts in a harvest field.

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Hymns to Know

Invitation. By William Chatterton Dix. William Chatterton Dix was an English surgeon, who, in the last century, wrote several hymns, which speedily came into general use.

Sentence Sermons

By Henry F. Cope. Character never is complete. Hypocrisy is the gold of virtue used to gild vice. The man who does nothing does much harm.

A Sermon for Today

The Life Among Men. By Henry F. Cope. "I am among you as one that serveth"—Luke xxii, 27. ONE of the defects of the average religious man is that he seldom is a good mixer. He either lacks the ability to make himself generally at home with his fellows, or he fears that such intercourse would involve spiritual contamination.

A Slight Mistake.

A well-known musical conductor in Brooklyn was recently induced by some of his spiritualistic friends to visit a slate-writing medium. Later he was questioned by these friends, anxious that he should have received confirmatory testimony of the reality of spirit communication.

The Small College.

From the New York Tribune. President Hopkins of Williams college has been asked whether it is wise for the "small" college to seek or to restrict its growth.

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Not What You Earn

But what you save is the important consideration. Many young men who are earning \$50 a month are carrying savings accounts and saving more money than those who are earning two and three times this amount.

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