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Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.—Disraeli.

BUT, WILL IT?

IT IS REASSURING to be told that the county courthouse is to be ready for occupancy June 15. With four long men as the sole force on the building through several recent days hope was at low ebb. Seasons had come and gone and the swallows homeward flown, but the cold gray days of incompletion still hung over the structure.

THE TARIFF AS A DRAWBACK TO PRODUCTION

IN THE ADDRESS given at Manila to the delegates from the chambers of commerce of the Pacific coast by Mr. Harold M. Pitt, the chairman of the committee on publicity of the Manila Merchants' association, we get some sidelights on the American tariff as an obstacle to production of raw materials in the islands.

THE CHAMBERLAIN CASE

IN FAILING to return an indictment against Chamberlain for the shooting of Massin, it is probable that the grand jury accepted the theory of self defense. All the accounts of the affair described Massin as drawing a revolver as Chamberlain entered the room. Evidence of that kind before the grand jury might be warrant for its failure to return a true bill.

petition with hemp, which enables its import into the United States at prices which make it an artificial competitor with Philippine hemp. The United States receives no duty concessions, and no compensating trade in return, from the coffee and rubber of Brazil, from Cuba and Java for their sugar and tobacco, from Japan and Italy for their silk.

STATE PRINTING IN OREGON

A BILL TO PUT the state printer on a flat salary is to appear in the legislature. Printer Dunway has made large reductions in the cost of the office, but there is still room for improvement. By what plan the further reduction is to be made is a problem requiring careful and exhaustive investigation.

WHY TARIFF REVISION HAS BEEN DISASTROUS

SENATOR LODGE, reviewing the tariff for the past 20 years, said that disaster awaited any party that attempted any general tariff revision. This comment seems justified by past events, but the trouble was not so much in attempted revision as in wrong revision, such as favoritism for the sugar and steel trusts.

THE PROBLEM OF DIVORCE

Rheta Child Dorr in the Forum. According to the census of 1890, there was a married population in the United States of 22,447,769, with an annual average of 600 divorces. By 1906 the record of divorces reached the amazing total of 646,626.

for them in the courts with penalties applied to match the offense. In this case, the sins of the unfortunate woman have found her out. They have stained the hands of the husband with human blood, and it is a stain that will not wipe out.

LOAN-SHARK BUSINESS "DISORDERLY"

PHILADELPHIA authorities have found a unique method for dealing with "loan sharks." An assistant district attorney, on evidence secured by a newspaper, caused the arrest of one of the loan sharks that infest that city and proceeded to prosecute him on the charge of keeping a disorderly house, which is a misdemeanor under the Pennsylvania statutes.

BIG TIM SULLIVAN

IT IS NO WONDER that "Big Tim" Sullivan can be elected to the New York state senate, and is a power in local politics of New York City. Truth is, he is not altogether an admirable figure as a statesman, lawmaker or public man; but there are worse ones.

THE WORLD'S OUTPUT OF METALS

From Popular Mechanics. The world's metal statistics compiled annually in Germany, give the production for the year 1909 as follows: The production of iron was 84,100 tons or an increase of nearly 100,000 tons over 1908.

dropping toward the rate in France which was 20 for the same period. Germany leads in the percentage of births, with a rate for the past three years of 32.4.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Good Roads and Politics. Lebanon, Or., Dec. 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In your semi-weekly issue of December 20 an article by "Country Rube" just hits the spot. There are just lots of us country rubes scattered around who have been thinking about the roads for a long time.

Some women of an eastern city have resolved in favor of baldheaded men. They say they are "clean, white and pretty, and nice to kiss." But what man wants to be kissed on the top of his head?

A Clatskanie man, the Chief says, has the agency for butter merger that makes two pounds of butter from one pound, with the addition of sweet milk. No doubt, if enough milk were added and properly churned one could make three pounds.

December 27 in History—A Great Astronomer

It is a strange fact that the three men upon whom rests the whole structure of modern scientific astronomy were born within the space of little more than 15 miles—Newton, Halley and Flamsteed—and it is of record that the first star that was observed by modern astronomy is fixed upon the date that Flamsteed began his observations at Greenwich.

England and Poverty

George Bourne in the January Forum. All up and down England the life of the people is coming under review; the relations between the classes are being reexamined, and the effects of old laws and customs. And most of all the nation is focusing its attention upon poverty, looking into the varied manifestations of it, searching out its causes, and generally trying to get the ideas of what is fit for the sacred life in human bodies and fit for the English as a people.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. The country won't be Hobsonized. The occasional holidays are nice for some people. Let us have a great 100,000,000 strong army of peace.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Ontario: expects railroad shops next spring. Pendleton is to have another cigar factory. Eugene Point is to have a bank, and several new buildings.

Doc Cook

(Continued from the Journal of Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet.—A prose poem is a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) Doc Cook, who didn't find the Pole, has trouble in his gentle soul. Throughout the world he's viewed with scorn; and so he says: "I'll trot my horn, and get a mile or two of rest; explaining that I really thought I'd found the pole, until I woke, and found the whole thing was a joke. I can't endure," says Dr. Cook, "the cold, disgusted, scornful look of those who meet, who whisper 'Shame!' and talk about a 'bunch' game, and say I'd prove I had some worth by falling off the weary earth. But when they read my sad appeal, and realize how tough I feel, and know how I regret my breaks, they may forgive my little blunders, and take me to their hearts once more, and save me when my wounds are sore!" If old Doc Cook would stop his jaw, and get a sawbuck and a saw, or buy a plow and hit the soil, and get right down to honest toil, he'd have a better chance to earn the bread for which he seems to yearn. The world will pardon any joy who sheds his coat and works all day, but at grows weary of the acute who's talking early, talking late, who tries to win the love of men with jawbone and with fountain pen.

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt. Editor Tanglefoot—Every man should be able to do the tinkering around the house, such as mending sewing machines, phonographs and mousetraps. When he will stand well with his wife and he will have more fun than any body.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES

(By our strongest greased wire.) Deadeys, Dec. 22.—The Citizens' Alcohol League has sent a communication to Census Director Durand protesting against the base discrimination practiced against the city in the recent population census.

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