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Learn to dissemble wrong, to smile at injury, to suffer crimes that want the power to punish. Be easy, affable, familiar, friendly. Search, and know all mankind's mysterious ways. But trust the secret of thy soul to none. —Rowe.

MORGANHEIM, OR OTHERWISE?

IS AMERICAN statesmanship willing to confess its impotency? Is there no way to get coal out of Alaska except by turning the territory over to Morgan and Guggenheim to exploit for their own benefit?

We are a weak people if the Morganheim syndicate is going to be able to direct the coal policy of our government. We bought Alaska from Russia and paid the price for it in cash. The investment was made on behalf of the people of the United States and with the money of the people of the United States.

The Alaska coal mines ought to be opened. They ought to be worked, and their output become speedily available. It is needed in Alaska and needed in the industries and homes of the Pacific coast.

There is a wealth of statesmanship at Washington. In the vast wilderness of senators, congressmen, bureaucrats and other officialdom, there ought to be men capable of grappling with the Alaska problem, and pushing it to an equitable solution.

One of the mightiest conflicts of the century is being waged over Alaska and its minerals. The prize is rich. Untold wealth is stored under the frozen surface of Alaskan coal, copper and gold fields.

A CHALLENGE FROM CANADA

THE NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE just formed at Helena, has, by its declaration of purposes to stop "the constant drain of homeseekers" into Canada, roused Canadian papers into lively protest.

They remark, sarcastically, that all classes in the northwestern states "except the farmers" have united in the effort to stop the exodus. They allege that to obtain land which will produce the harvests that the northwestern farmer of the United States delights in he will have to go to Canada.

So the issue is drawn. Where is the northwestern farmer's interest? How shall it be made plain to him where that interest lies?

forget the desolation of that gray sea of windswept land? Wire fences lead the eye into the dim distance where at last sky and land meet in one level horizon. Dotted at half mile distances the board houses of the settlers stand, naked and unadorned—a horse and cow stable, and a sod dugout, the only buildings of the farm.

Neither Canada nor the Pacific northwest can tempt the middle west farmer with promise of big yields of corn. He must learn the art of substitution when he comes here. Diversity of crops must take the place of his Iowa or Minnesota stand-by.

On the whole, if the efforts of the Northwestern Development League are to be met only by the defenses set up by the Canadian papers so far, the league has no occasion to take down its colors.

THE COMING GENERATION AND THE BIBLE

IT IS SAID THAT six simple Bible questions were set to one hundred and fifty freshmen who had just entered Amherst. Seventy-nine knew nothing of the fall of Jericho, thirty-seven knew nothing of Cain, and forty were entirely ignorant of Daniel.

Have the mothers lost the habit of gathering their young ones at their knees, and telling them the Bible stories on which they themselves were nurtured? Has the Sunday Bible reading gone quite out of date? Do boys and girls nowadays never learn texts by heart?

We have heard much this last month or two of the splendid English of the King James version, of the treasure house there stored of literature that will never die—of the heritage of both nations of the Anglo-Saxon race, and much more in the same key.

There are others, though, we learn in the Bible society's report, who in almost every city, are buying Bibles for their scanty savings to distribute to those who have none. These philanthropists are not satisfied with a dry gift but they see to it that the recipients shall both read and prize it.

THE NEIGHBORLY CLUB

LET US LEARN from our neighbors. The Neighborly club is an invention from Indiana. It has flourished there for several years. Its origin was very simple. A new house had been built on a farm, and the neighbors gathered for a surprise party and a house warming.

lited to twelve, thus making a convenient circuit for a meeting at each home within a year. Programs were prepared for a year ahead, and quite an elaborate booklet was the result. Subjects were assigned of general interest to the home, the farm, and the community.

The Neighborly club has had a mission. It has supplied refined and instructive entertainment. It is now furnishing for some of the boys scholarships for Purdue university.

MURDER FROM THE CLOUDS

THERE IS something absolutely revolting in the general attempt of all civilized nations to convert the latest plaything of the world into a new engine of destruction.

The aeroplane has not yet achieved perfection—the element of danger in its operation has not yet been eliminated—but its possibilities in warfare are being developed fast. The Hague convention barred the use of explosives dropped from balloons, the only then means known of navigating in the air.

The practical demonstration by the British army the other day must have been a novel sight. The big dirigible, floating in the air, and supposed to be carrying a freight of high explosives over a fortified fort or post, was attacked in the sky by a squadron of aeroplanes, darting towards it from all directions, fitted with quick firing guns.

It is a sad commentary on the words and hopes of President Taft that, not content with fleets on the ocean, and armed and drilled multitudes on land, the nations are preparing to contest the dominion of the air above.

POE'S WATER WAGON

MANUSCRIPT letter by Edgar Allan Poe, sold at the recent sale of the Hoe library in New York City, fixes attention once more on the poet's personal habit.

He said: "My habits are vigorously abstemious. The desire for society comes upon me only when I have become excited by drink. They only go—that is at those times I have been in the practice of going among my friends who seldom or in fact never having seen me unless excited take it for granted that I am always so."

MORMONISM

AMONG THE missionary churches of today the church of the Latter Day Saints is both aggressive and successful in recruiting. There are, it is said in the Home Mission Monthly, about 2000 Mormon missionaries or elders out on missions in this country and in foreign lands.

man of paying wages, the length of notice ending the employment on either side, and conditions under which notice is unnecessary and, lastly, the particulars of fines and punishments, and the objects to which fines will be applied.

Rules are equally binding on employer and employed. But before they are issued opportunity for objection must be given to adult workers. Then the objectionable rules must be submitted to the factory inspector, who may amend or alter.

Security against accident is provided for the workers by the fund arising from the contributions of the employer, the government and the employed, in manner which has been in successful operation for several years.

A NEW PORTLAND INDUSTRY

THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE in the fact that another flour milling industry is to operate in Portland. It is the new Balfour-Guthrie mill, and it will begin operations June 1.

The significance lies in the character of the men behind the enterprise, their intimate knowledge of the grain business and their connections in the world's trade. Men of the type always know what they are doing when they invest capital.

The new plant at once enlarges Portland's already large importance as a flour manufacturing center. It removes any charge that the milling field here is monopolized. It adds another large manufacturing plant to those already here, and one that will probably expand and develop.

SEVEN ROMANTIC AMERICANS

The early days of the development of our country disclosed a number of interesting characters about whom has been thrown much romance, and whose careers read much like fiction in the unfolding of fact.

Boone knew that capture meant death. The Indians reached Boonesboro on a North Carolina, in 1775, but in spite of their superior numbers, Boone's skill at fighting Indians succeeded in beating them off and in saving Kentucky.

GRADING CONVICTS

GOVERNOR BASS of New Hampshire, is of the progressive and conscientious type. Like Governor West of Oregon the convicts in the penitentiary excite his interest and pity, and he seeks to temper punishment with influences for reform.

confines its benefits to their return railroad or steamship fare after they have been "honorably released from their mission."

Mormon missionaries have been having a hard time recently, both in Germany and in England, and the church authorities are very indignant at the charges brought against them in those lands.

THE ASYLUM FIRE

AN EXCELLENT organization for meeting fire emergencies is indicated by the safe removal of 150 patients from the woman's ward at the insane asylum at Salem during a fire Friday night.

Every means of fire fighting should be at hand. But above all, the electric wiring, the flues and every other usual means by which fires are started should be kept under strictest scrutiny.

IRRIGATION FOR HOPS

ANOTHER SCORE has to be credited to the Oregon Agricultural college for its experiments which have resulted in demonstration that irrigation applied to hops so stimulates their growth as to add very materially to the prospects of a certain crop.

STAY AT HOME RESPONSIBLE

From the Eugene Guard. The people of Portland are not satisfied with the nomination of Rushlight for mayor on the Republican ticket. It is asserted with apparent good foundation that a combination of undesirable elements forced their choice upon the voters.

SENATOR RAYNER ON GUAM

Guam is a charming spot, and one of the most lustrous and brilliant jewels in our oriental galaxy. Its principal products are peppers, snakes, lizards, and a host of other things.

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class. First class convicts receive whatever privileges can consistently be given. From this first class those to be released on parole are taken.

HOW CARNEGIE SOLD OUT

From the Metropolitan Magazine. In the year 1900 Andrew Carnegie was a very rich man, as he is now; but then he was chief of the turbulent kingdom of steel, and it was essential in the very nature of the competition and fight with all the enormous power of his wealth and alliances to keep his place at the head.

COL. ROOSEVELT ON THE DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

From the Chicago Record-Herald. There is one feature of the developments as regards the arrest of certain alleged labor men in connection with the dynamite outrage perpetrated against the Los Angeles Times to which especial attention should be called. If the explosion was not an accident, but the deliberate act of any man or men, it was an outrage of dastardly iniquity, for it was one of those crimes in which the murderer, in order to gratify his spite against an individual, not merely wrecks that individual's property, but with callous indifference, takes the lives of scores of innocent people as an incident to the achievement of his sinister and criminal purpose.

Wherever any politician of either party or any capitalist did actually take this position, whether in the case of the men prosecuted by Mr. Burns or in any other case, the Outlook unhesitatingly and severely denounced them. In fact, the same spirit I state the convictions of the Outlook in expressing its hearty reprobation of the conduct of those labor leaders who, without waiting to be arrested, have now publicly taken down and support the accused merely because the accused belonged to their political party, and it would have been a wicked thing for big capitalists and big business men to make common cause with the capitalists against whom he proceeded merely because they were capitalists.

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Former President Roosevelt will be the only speaker at the clerical conference to be held in New York Tuesday afternoon by the Federation of Churches, to which clergymen of all denominations have been invited. His subject will be "The Church and Righteousness."

THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF THE INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

in Texas, is fixed to take place Tuesday at Palestine. It is understood that the third mortgage holders, including George J. Gould and interests allied with him, will bid in the road as a step preliminary to its reorganization.