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A NEW PLAN FOR LAND BANKS. It seems that all civilized countries have awakened to the necessity of providing funds accessible to the farmer who either desires to purchase his farm, or who, already owning it, has in mind to improve it.

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in the worth and choice. —Ben Jonson.

While the new plan has features resembling those in effect in France and Germany, the suggestion of the postoffice savings banks as the source of the original funds is new.

PERSIA'S LAST HOPE. The possibilities opened by the threatening conditions in the near east may be seen Persia's last hope. Both Austria and Russia are being stirred into action to stop the attack by the Balkan states on Turkey by persuasion and influence, if possible, but if not, then by the advance into their territories of advance guards of their enormous armies.

One of Germany's pet projects is the Bagdad railroad. Many Englishmen, and some of them men of much influence and experience in the east, would far rather see the Bagdad railroad finished and Germany given a free hand in the development of the great country that it will open, than to see that road obstructed by British machinations, and the Russian trans-Persian railroad built to the very gate of India.

WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS. The new British insurance act marks the entrance of a new force of tremendous efficacy in the war on the white scourge. The nation has adopted the principles of prevention as well as of cure. Ample provision has been made for the immediate construction of sanatoria, to which tuberculous patients in whom the disease has been developed, will be sent, to be treated without charge.

ALBANY COLLEGE. THE latest candidate for public approval for rebuilding, enlargement, and progress among the schools for higher education in Oregon is Albany college.

authorities will have to issue to all notified individuals a simple code of rules, with explanatory advice, which they must follow. Failure to abide by these rules would be followed at once by removal to a sanatorium or a hospital. But while patients associate freely with healthy people, the danger of infection cannot be entirely abolished. So that the more certain method of segregation must be followed. Sanatoria have been regarded chiefly as curative institutions. In future, prevention of infection by segregation will be sought. For advanced cases accommodation will be provided within the walls. For those still capable of a certain amount of work farm colonies for consumptives, and open air schools for tuberculous children are contemplated. These methods are no longer experimental, and they will now be confidently followed, and made of general application through the British nation.

EFFICIENCY A PARADOX. UNDER the system of "scientific management" formulated by Mr. F. W. Taylor, in his pursuit of industrial efficiency, the results of its application are said to be greater production with no greater human effort, or the same production with less effort.

By applying to bricklaying improved methods of supplying bricks and mortar ready to the hand of the workman, and simplifying and easing the effort, he has to put forth it is said that the present normal result of 120 bricks per man per hour, set in place, is increased to 350 bricks per hour. In handling pig iron for the supply of iron works a tonnage of 1 1/2 tons per man per day was increased to 47 tons. In shoveling dirt and sand the quantity of 18 tons per day by one man on the particular ground tested was raised to 59.

The principle of scientifically studying the methods used today in cotton manufacture, and saving time wherever possible, having been applied in certain mills the output, it is stated, was practically doubled. Similar experiments in other industries brought similar results.

It is urged by the advocates of these new methods that increased production does not involve undue exertion on the part of the worker. Increased wages rewarding to some extent the increased output were willingly paid by the employers. Thus, the shoveller's wages rose from \$1.15 to \$1.88 per day, while the cost of production fell from 72 cents to 33 cents per ton. But, although the rate of wages per man is increased, the number of men required for a certain piece of work is greatly reduced, and the total sum paid weekly in wages falls.

It is not surprising that organized labor is bitterly opposed to the new system, and it seems inevitable that attempts to introduce it generally will arouse determined antagonism, both in America and in England. The reason is obvious. A general displacement of workers would follow. Different employment would have to be found for very many workers unless a generally increased demand for the products of almost every sphere of industry could be provided. Of this there seems to be no prospect.

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The appeal being heard, strong representations to the Turkish government have followed. The remedies called for have been the extension of autonomy to Macedonia and local reforms in Albania. These the Turks have refused and the agitation for war followed.

The great powers of Europe are fully alive to the possibilities of conflagration that would follow, in all likelihood the first explosion of war. France has taken the lead in proposing terms of settlement, and suggesting to her associates that they be enforced on the unwilling Turks. The Turks respond by promises of better government, but insist on maintenance of the Sultan's sovereignty over these misgoverned provinces.

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that formerly grows, and in the excepted district one third. But in Shanshi \$40,000,000 worth of Indian opium is warehoused by speculators on the chance of compelling the government of the republic to allow its entrance into China for sale. British and other banks have lent \$20,000,000 on this opium, and are now urging the British government to exercise its influence in favor of these speculators and their banking creditors. The petition of the bank most heavily interested hardly conceals its desire that the "influence" may include force. The pretext is the Shansi conditions above described. The protest of the Chinese provincial council is both dignified and forcible—showing the deep interest it has in guarding the people of the province against further poisoning.

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The cause in the cheap prairie lands in a new country, by the opening of new railroads, and the extremely favorable laws and regulations made by the government and the easy terms made by the land grant railroads for the acquisition of these fine, rich, virgin prairie lands, thousands of elderly men, who have heretofore taken homesteads, preemptions and timber claims in the United States, have sold them for good prices and, having used their land rights here, migrate to a new field.

The total assessment of the property in the United States, just as in the United States, is, for 1912, \$31,658,555, land alone being \$19,618,755, leaving \$12,039,800 made up by assessment of other property. So they do not have to mind the single tax and the graduated tax measures ought to be beaten out of sight, for they create a privileged class of all owners of personal property of every nature, who will enjoy all the benefits of government and will contribute a single cent to its support.

When Munly Was Made Judge. Portland, Oct. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In these days, when one permit me to recall the history of a little over 20 years ago, the legislature of this state created an additional office of circuit judge in Multnomah county. The laboring people of Multnomah county felt that they, as well as other portions, should have a friend upon the bench, according to the Knights of Labor, through their several assemblies, made a choice, as did the Federated Trades assembly, which organization was composed of delegates from the several labor unions then in Portland. The candidates were M. G. Penney, a well known labor leader, and Albert Tozier, president of the Federated Trades assembly. The members of the committee were Martin Ready, president of the Ironmolders' union, and delegate to the Federated Trades assembly; Albert Tozier, president of the Mount Hood Assembly Knights of Labor, and a delegate to the Federated Trades assembly; and John J. Kelly, president of one of the assemblies of Knights of Labor. The committee waited upon Governor Penney and presented the following:

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