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Success in life is a matter not so much of talent as of concentration and persistence.
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THE MEXICAN ULTIMATUM

WE ARE told that the Washington government has notified Huerta that he must renounce his headship of Mexican affairs. Secretary Bryan denies that an ultimatum has been sent.

There seems no other way. The Mexican despot is oblivious to everything rational. He has gone on in high-handedness until he has lost all sense of propriety and abandoned all the canons of civilization.

He has virtually set up a throne at the Mexican capital, and there is nothing for the United States to do but to pull it down. We were the means by which Maximilian and his brief empire were destroyed in 1867.

To permit Huerta to go on in his bloody enterprise, would be to invite other mad revolutionists to emulate his example. If we permit Huerta to lead armed men into the palace, overthrow the constitutional administration, assassinate the constitutional president and vice president, suspend the constitution, adjourn and disperse congress and send congressmen to the penitentiary, supersede the supreme court with artillery and rule the country as a tyrant on his throne, we shall invite other revolutionists to employ the same means for the same impossible purposes.

If Huerta's reckless example be permitted to stand unchallenged, there will be constant and perennial attempts by other Mexican men of resources and ambition to repeat the performance, and there will be no chance for stable government in Mexico within the next generation.

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tion is given to the health of animals than to the happiness of humans. The Minnesota board cites an instance. A wealthy farmer, with 230 acres worth \$100 an acre, is a breeder of horses and registered hogs.

Sixteen years ago this farmer's first wife died of tuberculosis, leaving three children. He married again, and his second wife has had thirteen children. The family now consists of father, mother and fourteen children.

The mother, with one newly-born child and another too young to walk, is responsible for the care of this family of fourteen children. There is no medical care given to the son ill with tuberculosis.

The board of health finds that Minnesota's annual loss caused by the death of wage earners from tuberculosis is about \$12,000,000. The estimated number of developed cases in the state is 10,000.

A TACOMA SLANDER. R. F. Radebaugh, of Tacoma, is engaged in the highly important work of publishing a book to prove that Portland can never become the Pacific metropolis.

Both Radebaugh and the Ledger see the south jetty has done little or nothing to aid navigation. As vessels drawing about ten feet more of water can come to Portland than could come before government and private improvements were begun, the truthfulness of the Tacoma writers is truly wonderful.

Once it was difficult for a ship of 16 and 17 feet to reach this city. The cruiser Maryland, 501 feet long, 13,680 tons displacement and drawing 26 1/2 feet steamed out of Portland harbor and reached the open sea in seven hours and 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, there is not a reason in the world for Tacoma to publish these slanders. Slandering Portland will not build Tacoma. While the writers write their misrepresentations the big ships come and go.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE calls attention in National Waterways to the important work being undertaken by the Interstate Commerce Commission in determining the physical valuation of American railroads.

property made by the state. The result has been that reductions have been made, which cause a saving upon interstate business in Wisconsin of upwards of \$5,000,000 a year.

Incidentally with the Wisconsin senator's statement comes the August statement of the Bureau of Railway Economics. This bureau is maintained by the railroads, and the figures it publishes indicate a greater increase in operating expenses than in operating revenues.

BOYS AND PENITENTIARIES. IN OREGON, a boy of sixteen can no longer be sent to the reform school. The only place for offenders over that age is the jail or penitentiary.

The change was made by the 1913 legislature. The reason for it is not known. In fact, it was known to but a few that the change had been made until within the past few days.

Instead of lowering the age limit from eighteen to sixteen, it should, if change is to be made at all, be raised. There is always hope of saving almost any boy who is scarcely old enough to be in high school.

STERILIZATION. PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—To the Editor of The Journal—All hail the new god, Esculapian. The old gods fall; let us have new gods.

Will the soap box orator be considered a defective? Will one who refuses to accept a certain religion—as in Albania—the accused man, John, the sacrificial prisoner, pray to the latest god, the greatest god, Esculapian?

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THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH has directed that premises where tuberculosis exists without proper precautions being taken shall be placarded for the public information.

quarters at Salem, away back in the '70's. Her tragic passing will be a shock to Salem and to friends of the family throughout Oregon.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. 'Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationally overthrows the principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness.

TESTIMONY FROM A DRY TOWN. McMINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—It may be interesting to many voters in cities which will vote on local option to know how prohibition has worked in one of the cities of the state which has tried it longest.

THE CHILDREN OF THE NATION. From the Houston Chronicle. The United States children's bureau, under the direction of Julia C. Lathrop, has just issued its first volume of statistics dealing with the nation's child life.

YOUR MONEY. Except for a woman's savings 'The Scarlet Letter' probably would never have been written.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. And cowardice makes liars of us all—or nearly all.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE. 'Illustrated Fashion Chat.'—By Lillian Young.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE. 'Little Stories for Bedtime.'—By Thornton W. Burgess.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE. 'Hints for Girls.'—By Jessie Roberts.