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Still in the right hand carry gentle peace
To silence the angry tongues
Be just and fear not
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's
-Shakespeare.

THE SHOPLIFTERS

NO EFFORT should be spared to completely uncover the department store thefts. Nor should there be failure to apply adequate penalties.

Shoplifting is a costly business for which the public has ultimately to pay. The department store must, of necessity, charge it up to the loss account.

It is a business that ought to be stopped. For the sake of the public, the department stores and the shop girls, every possible expedient should be adopted that may aid in breaking it up.

NOTHING NEW

THOSE who delve into the records of the past are continually verifying the old saying of Solomon that there is nothing new under the sun.

While it has not yet been found that ancient civilizations had anything to compare with the Panama canal, there was the genius who carved out the Sphinx.

Discovery was made recently that when Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom departed from him and he was driven from him and he was compelled to eat grass like an ox, he fed on alfalfa during his period of mental aberration.

It is probable that alfalfa can be traced back to the Garden of Eden. At any rate it appears that its value as a forage plant has been known from the dawn of civilization.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

RECENT developments in the United States Senate indicate a coming reform in the method of considering presidential nominations.

While there are doubtless good reasons for preserving secrecy in the discussion of foreign affairs of a delicate nature there seems no valid excuse for going behind closed doors to take action on the confirmation of an appointment by the president.

mart. It is here that presidential influence and senatorial courtesy wield their greatest power. If a nominee is unfit his unfitness should be a matter of free and open debate just the same as though he were a candidate for an elective office.

AN EXPLODED FALLACY

IT IS apparent that woolgrowers are not to be stampeded into sacrifices in selling their output this year.

The wool market is undeniably strong. That the spirit is not wholly speculative is shown by the pressure of representatives of Eastern mills in the field.

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Reports from Eastern Oregon indicate that growers thoroughly understand conditions and are not going to make sacrifices in their sales through fear of the reduced tariff.

WHAT HAS HE TO SELL?

THE march of the candidates is on. They are almost as the trees in the forest or the sands on the seashore.

Like individuals words are created to perform some good function in life but are perverted and corrupted in divers ways.

It seems timely to restore the word to its high estate by giving a close scrutiny into the lives of those who offer themselves as aspirants for office.

COOPERATIVE HEALTH

WORLD'S WORK says that seven towns in Massachusetts now cooperate in securing an efficient health service which no one of them could afford by itself.

This organization is responsible for all public health work in some of the towns and for milk inspection only in others.

Diagnoses of diphtheria, scarlet fever and other infectious diseases are reported by telephone. The plan has been in operation a year.

have a department of public health on a par with those of the large cities. The cooperative idea is gaining ground.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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It was recently asserted by Secretary of Agriculture Houston that we have practically reached the stage where we are becoming dependent on foreign countries for the necessities of life.

A different condition is found in Germany where the fullest use of every available acre of tillable land is made.

One woman in that town wrote a letter to the local paper referring sarcastically to the roll of carriages, the rustic of silk and the flash of diamonds that at church, and berating us for being too busy preaching at had visited.

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money kings and land kings will soon be at hand. Medill McCormick is to speak at Lincoln High school, this city, tomorrow night.

A FEW SMILES

The wealthy old lady was very ill and sent for her lawyer to make her will. "I wish to explain to you," she said weakly, "about disposing of my property."

The old lady resignedly might as well. "You'll set it anyway," Gus Miller, a traveling man, paused to stretch and yawn.

"Hello, kid!" grinned the drummer. "I know just how that is. I often have felt like that after being in swimming."

"Swimmin' nuffin!" the youth exclaimed to note that in the youth's watabillymilly.—"Harper's Magazine."

A certain congressman had a disastrous experience in gold mine speculation. One day a number of his colleagues were discussing the subject of speculation when one of them said:

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It throws the principles of all false sanctity and all unwarranted restrictions upon them and shows them to be unwarranted and unwarranted."

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Pertinent Comment and News in Brief. The first straw hats of the season made their appearance at Baker last Monday.

The Pendleton East Oregonian thinks that "little old \$100,000 should be able to erect a fairly suitable federal building, the largest town of its size in the world."

Eugene has voted a half mill tax to support a municipal band. It is estimated this should yield \$4000 a year. The fund will be available in and after 1915.

The spring tide of travel through Salem, according to the Journal, has exceeded expectation; every incoming and outgoing car over the Oregon Electric is filled to capacity.

Yancella has voted charter amendments providing for raising the city debt limit from \$1000 to \$2000, for biennial instead of annual elections, for changing the election date from April to December, and for a method of street improvement.

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In Earlier Days. "I can see how an Indian feels about treaties with the white race," said Cy Mulkey, an Oregon pioneer of 1848, now living at Roseburg.

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