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They talk of the masculine woman, but every man is a feminine man.—Chesterton.

THE BETTER OUTLOOK

THE drag has been removed from Oregon business. The Portland business man can look forward with assurance. The worker can face the future with confidence.

It is no longer a consideration for the politicians and standpat organs to run a "hard times" factory. It is no longer important to them to sacrifice business for political purposes.

It has helped to dry up the channels of credit. It has led to the discharge of thousands of men and the slowing up of industries as a precautionary measure.

There is no doubt that the calamity propaganda cost many a worker his position, that it caused many a cut in wages, that it cost business through the country millions of dollars.

NATIONAL SUFFRAGE

THE National American Woman Suffrage Association which is to assemble at Nashville, Tennessee, next Thursday promises to be an epoch marking one in suffrage history.

An issue counted upon to furnish interest also is the question of state's rights versus the federal amendment.

A NEW COTTON LAW

SOUTH-CAROLINA has enacted a law penalizing any man who plants more than a third of his land to cotton in 1915. It provides a fine of \$25 to \$100 an acre for the violator of this enactment.

THE ASSEMBLY VERDICT

IN THE returns to date, the vote for the bill to revive the assembly in Oregon is 18,899. The vote against is 107,678. It is a verdict of nearly six to one against assemblyism.

The present is the first instance in which the people have had a chance to directly express their opinion of assemblyism. Their verdict is so overwhelming that the Oregonian, which originated the system, and the rest of the group which has all along clamored for assemblyism, should at last understand that the scheme is buried so deep in the contempt of the people of the state that it is useless to ever attempt to resurrect it.

It means that assemblyism in this state is bitterly resented by five sixths of the voters, that it is utterly odious and that all future attempts to inject life into the plan will be strenuously resisted.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

LAST year Governor Ferris of Michigan appointed a commission to revise the marriage and divorce laws. Bills which will be submitted to the legislature next year have been prepared.

The commission has attempted solution of the divorce problem by providing against secret and hasty marriages. It is proposed that the marriage license must be applied for ninety days before the wedding and the fact published for six weeks.

CHECKMATING A TRUST

ENGLAND, according to consular reports, does not propose to be subjugated by the American sugar trust. It is stated in these reports that Mr. McKenna, home secretary of the British government, has purchased 900,000 tons of raw sugar at \$97.33 a ton.

THE ARMY AND NAVY

EVERY indication points to renewed activity by the big army and big navy men. Their campaign was given fresh impetus before congress adjourned, and since then the demand for more ships and more men in army and navy has been voiced by armament advocates from Atlantic to Pacific.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, says our naval establishment is 18,000 short of the number of men required to properly operate existing vessels.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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adopt the South Carolina plan it may mean a new turn in regulation by law. Solution of the South's cotton problem is vital, but the indications are that the people most interested will decide that arbitrary regulation of a great economic force is neither practical nor desirable.

PRISON REFORM

IT WILL be recalled that some months ago Thomas Mott Osborne of New York, who is interested in prison reform, underwent a week's voluntary incarceration in Auburn prison for the purpose of studying prison life.

The Golden Rule brotherhood among the convicts of Sing Sing has similar privileges of games and exercise in the yard on Sunday and an hour every day after work and earns them by better behavior and better shop work.

In all the prisons of the state for the first time in a hundred years the convicts can see the sun, get the air, exercise their muscles talk freely and act like human beings.

Less rheumatism, less tuberculosis, fewer drug fiends, fewer suicides, fewer insane and more men fitted for parole are the results.

It is sometimes charged against prison reformers that they are more interested in the welfare of the prisoners than in the welfare of society.

GIVING THE CRIMINAL A CHANCE.

Portland, Or., Nov. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—Read in Saturday's Journal of the adventures of John O'Brien as a Democratic candidate for judge of the juvenile court at Indianapolis.

THE DEBT PROBLEM.

Do you know what is the very best thing to do to help business? Just pay your debts. Now, don't feel insulted. Everybody owes money, at least, every honest and intelligent citizen does, since modern business is run so largely on credit.

LIVING WITH MR. EDISON.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star. John Smith, a broker, came down town in the morning in a trolley car. The day being dark, he turned on the incandescent light at his desk.

THE PICK OF EUROPE FIGHTING.

Into the welter of Europe's war pit the haughtiest and humblest blood is being poured with lavish hand.

LOOKING TO PROSPERITY.

It is beginning to be recognized throughout the country that the man who thinks he is helping himself by hoarding his money is helping himself to the pocket of his neighbor.

PEACE ADVOCATES UNDAUNTED.

Notwithstanding conditions in Europe, some of our peace advocates are going on with their "winning" campaign "winning war on war." They do this in a novel manner by the use of illustrated posters bearing such legends as: "Here go good men—needed by their families" (then a picture of troops on the march).

A FEW SIMILES

The ready applicant for a "job" had unobtainable what he asked and was set to wheel upon dressing for gardening operations.

SMALL CHANGE

The key to success is seldom used as a night key. A many a dollar has been coined out of determination.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

According to the Baker Herald's figures, John Day "made a record when 200 of the 205 registered cast their ballots Tuesday."

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Milton's council has ordered, for the city water system, a million gallon per day increase in capacity. It will be in operation early in 1915.

THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

From the New York World. The best that can be said of any congress during its life is that it has been true to its trust. Time alone will determine the wisdom of its deeds.

THE RAGTIME MUSE

To Mary Ellen: When you wash and dry the dishes you are frugal with the water.

NO ESCAPE.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. "I want to get out," said one of the auditors. "Can't open the doors," explained the doorkeeper. "I let you out but they'll all want to escape."

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