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so doing builds up a useful vocabulary. Then self-criticism is depended upon to stimulate to better English. Lane county schools are said to have accomplished much in developing the children's power of observation and ability to put their thoughts on paper. Much of the progress is attributed to the method of instruction. It is a departure from the old plan of requiring children to write about something taken from books. It cultivates the power of observation and stimulates a desire to tell of what is seen.

THE GOVERNOR-ELECT

POILSMEN in swarms are belaboring and bedeviling Governor-elect Withycombe for positions. Old-time politicians like W. E. Burke are demanding private secretarships and other places of honor and emolument. It is even stated that they will make raids on the legislature for the purpose of legislating present office-holders out and legislating themselves in.

FOR THE GREATEST GOOD

IT IS a good thing to apply business methods to social service. In no field is there greater waste, both of money and effort. By lack of organization, work is duplicated, some of it misapplied, some misdirected, and all but partly effective. Of every dollar contributed to the succor of the needy 100 cents ought to find its way to some sufferer. Even when every cent of contribution reaches some one who needs, there is not enough to go around.

OFFICIAL ANARCHISTS

IT TURNS out that Portland police had instructions not to enforce the city ordinance regulating sale and carrying of concealed weapons, and that for a year that statute has been a dead letter. Exactly so. There is usually a petty functionary who takes the liberty to decide when laws shall be enforced and when they shall not be enforced.

THE NEW JUGGERNAUTS

THE killing of Patrolman White by an auto truck while he was at his post of duty is a tragedy by which to be warned. It conveys a lesson that should not be forgotten. It occurred as a result of violation of the traffic ordinance. If the driver of the truck had fully understood the regulations and followed them strictly, the patrolman's home would not be without a breadwinner.

TAINED NEWS

TRONSON, in confessing killing Miss Ulrich, said he had pre-meditated the murder since July, but had delayed commission of the crime to await the outcome of the vote on the bill to abolish capital punishment.—Oregonian.

GAMBLING ON FUTURES

AN INTERESTING phenomena arising out of the increasing advance in the price of farm products due to war conditions is observed in Kansas where there are symptoms of the fever of speculation among the farmers. They see great advances in wheat and corn and in cattle and hogs and have great expectations of future profits. They want to borrow more money to add to their holdings in these things and are disinclined to defer the payment of their present indebtedness.

SCOTT AND FUNSTON

GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT and General Frederick Funston have received deserved promotion in the army. Funston becomes a major general and Scott succeeds General Wotherspoon as chief of staff.

TEACHING ENGLISH

EUGENE newspapers are assisting W. A. Beer in an effort to teach school children to observe and to tell on paper what they see. Lane county children are encouraged to write short accounts of their own experience. The only requirement is that the composition contain something new and something true. The newspapers publish many of these children's stories just as they were written.

nel of the Twentieth Kansas infantry. His service in the Philippines including the capture of Aguinaldo, is well known. He rose in spite of petty jealousies and finally secured recognition as an officer. At Vera Cruz Funston displayed sound judgment. In a difficult position, where a false move might have precipitated the nation into war, Funston showed tact and discretion. He was the same Funston that brought order out of chaos in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire.

General Scott was transferred from his command on the Texas border to the war department last spring. He will serve as chief of staff for the full term of four years. He is said to be master of routine and theory, but what is more, he is in full sympathy with the rank and file of the service. "Very practical, but very human," is the way they describe him. Civilians know little about military technique, but people of the west know Hugh L. Scott handled many Indian troubles. He demonstrated that fighting is not the only way to win. Whatever General Scott accomplished as chief of staff, his fame will rest chiefly on what he has already done among the Apache, the Hopi, the Navajos and the Mexican Kickapoo Indians.

THE EXODUS TO CALIFORNIA

Silverton, Or., Nov. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal:—I will make a few lines on the exodus of the political, economic and industrial point of view. I understand that the Zimmerman Liquor company of Portland is preparing to move to California, where they will establish their office and headquarters. Now isn't this great, to send our money to California to build up the very industry that we have driven to the verge of bankruptcy here with liquor. Now isn't this great, to send our money to California to build up the very industry that we have driven to the verge of bankruptcy here with liquor.

THE BELGIAN IMMIGRANT

Portland, Nov. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal:—I have read your excellent editorial on the subject of unemployment in yesterday's Journal. The statistics you give of unemployment as far back as 20 years ago are appalling. Naturally, a question arises: Is this condition necessary?

hat, went East to get a dollar a pound for his holdings. Before he got back to Brownsville, the price slumped and the embryo speculator sold his holdings almost for a song. A well known western senator recently visited a barber shop where the barber, talking to his patron, said: "I was very talkative. I ventured on all the timely topics of the day, and although the senator did not, apparently, enter into the spirit of the conversation very keenly, the barber's enthusiasm was not visibly dampened. Finally he asked: 'Have you ever been in here before?' 'Once,' said the senator. 'Strange that I don't recall your face.' 'Not at all,' the senator assured him. 'It altered greatly in healing.'—Harper's Magazine.

Mr. Bromley (enlightening the family) said that the map of Europe will be greatly changed after this war. Denny Bromley (aged 11, a history geography lesson)—Ge! I hope they'll make it as easy to draw as South America.—Puck.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.) "Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationalizes everything it touches. It cuts down on prohibition from an economic and industrial point of view. It throws them back on their responsibilities. If they have no responsibilities, it ruthlessly strips them of them."—Woodrow Wilson.

THE ANIMAL OVERDRAIN

Portland, Nov. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The condition of animal industry at present, by all accounts, is alarming. There is an adequate cause, or these conditions already exist. That domestic animal life is suffering while wild animal life is free from these ills is sufficient proof that they are due to the influence of man. The libraries are full of doctor books describing animal ills and prescribing remedies. Serums, serums, serums, is the wailing cry. That serums may have a limited effect on the various diseases, such as bovine tuberculosis or its external sign, mouth and foot disease, are curable by this or any other remedy is impossible to deny. Even if the animal dies, which, since it has no mind, remains, which, since it has no mind, we will call degeneration, permanent constitutional weakness.

THE RAGTIME MUSE

A lovely lass is Sally, A six-buxom, glowing lass, Who dwells in Rural Valley, She seldom comes to town, But even town beauties envy her; And swear by stars above her, They must have Sally Lunn!

SOMETHING FOR THE AGED POOR

From the Chicago News. By the simple and feasible work to be done in the care of the aged poor, Mr. Mullenbach, in charge of Oak Forest Infirmary, has made these old folks almost happy. They raise chickens, tend plants, grow the ground, and perform other labors suited to their strength. One of the rejuvenated inmates is quoted as saying that when he entered the institution, "we were there, when their tongues are loose, Men and out of their senses. The dainty Charlotte Russe!

CUTTING OUT THE VERBIAGE

From the Detroit News. Mrs. Anna L. Sears, Chicago, is made sole beneficiary of the estate of her husband, Richard W. Sears, founder of Sears, Roebuck & Co. The estate is valued at \$1,500,000. The will contains 120 words. The testator, who was a forty-three thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-two cents, conveyed to the widow by each word of the will. In the usual practice, retained through custom and adding nothing to the strength of the instrument, was omitted by the man who rose from telegraph operator to millionaire. There was no mistaking his intent. The will is valid. There are 122 words in this editorial.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

The Great Home Newspaper, consists of Five news sections replete with illustrated features. Illustrated magazine of quality. Woman's pages of rare merit. Pictorial news supplement. Superb comic section.

A FEW SMILES

"There seems to be some difference of opinion about the European war." "Yes. The great trouble is that those who know the facts are no longer alive." After thus discussing the subject, the two countrymen turned the conversation to the weather.

SMALL CHANGE

Now is a good time to begin playing Santa Claus. "And many a man lends a hand only when it is empty." A good man has no time to waste on a "good fellow". Crumbs of comfort never come from eating crackers in bed.

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