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The way of the transgressor is truly hard, and especially was it the case with W. Epinger. He landed in Pendleton about two weeks ago, went on a drunk, worked a fake advertising scheme, stole a watch, plead guilty and has been sentenced to the state penitentiary.

President Roosevelt's message to the Irish at Boston caused a great furor in the English house of commons yesterday. The Irish are getting more aggressive every day, and it sometimes looks as if they would yet win out in their fight of centuries. All the world is looking to the United States and trying to follow her example. Her greatness grows hourly and as the guiding star of nations she shows brighter day by day.

No, no, constant reader, the country is not going to the dogs. It is only some of its freaks that are going that way. Freaks are not confined to human beings either. There are freak animals and freak institutions. There are freaks in all walks of life. They are between the plow handles, behind the counters, at the desks, on the stage and off the stage, but there are not enough of them to run the country to the dogs. They cause a great deal of trouble, it is true, but the level-headed always keep them in line. Although it is regarded as the age of freaks, the country is in no danger. It has contended with greater obstacles than these.

The coal operators have borne out their reputation well. Now they refuse to keep faith with the miners. They have sent some home who refuse to go to work on the old scale and require others to apply individually for work. The country is not in the proper temper just now to stand very much more foolishness on the part of the men who have caused all of the trouble in the coal regions, and if they persist in their trickery and unfaithfulness to their employes the reckoning may be such that the whole trust family may be made to pay the penalty. Americans are forbearing, but when once started on a mission to put down corruption they generally finish the job.

It is estimated that there are 63,000,000 sheep in the United States. It is also estimated that shoddy wool to an amount that equals the fleeces of forty million of these sheep is being used in this country. The public does not realize the extent of the shoddy wool fraud. Old woolen goods from the rag piles, from the hospitals, the asylums, the pest-houses, everywhere are gathered up by the rag men and sold to these concerns and they are worked over and the rotten infected fibre is mixed with pure wool and made into wearing apparel and sold to the public. The woolgrowers will ask the next congress to pass a law compelling all who engage in the manufacture of woolen goods from shoddy material to mark their goods "shoddy," the same as oleomargarine is marked. It is claimed that infectious diseases are transferred over the country through the sale of shoddy goods.

The organization of the Oregon friends of irrigation should not be permitted to lag. The main organization was perfected in Portland a few days ago and branch organizations should be established throughout the state. Irrigation is the prime factor to promote the future growth of this country and it has many obstacles in the

way. If the people do not act together they will not be removed and the country will suffer. The Carey act has enabled speculators and others to get such a hold on the water and lands of the country that the government may be compelled to go elsewhere to shower its benevolence. As said by Mr. Williamson, the government will not fight its way in order to improve this country. The people must prepare the way for it. Mere talk will not effect anything. The people must get together and organize a plan by which they can remove the obstacle and open the doors for the improvement.

The greatest friend to the development of the country and the development of enterprises of all classes is the newspaper. Through the persistent printing of the wonderful stories of this country's resources they have been made known to the world and the people are being attracted here from all points. What was known as a desert waste is being made the beautiful and valuable homes of a most industrious people. A few weeks ago the Rigby-Clove combined harvester was unknown outside of the precinct in which it was invented. East Oregonian took the matter up and published from time to time the facts about the invention. It brought men from all over the country to this place to see the new invention. It was at once pronounced a success. Everybody then took the matter up, even the sleepest of papers, and some of them are now writing editorials about the local enterprise. A public meeting has been called for Monday evening for the purpose of enlisting the citizens in a plan to establish a plant here for the manufacture of the harvesters. It is a laudable undertaking and no one should stand back in the matter. The manufacture of these machines in the home county of their invention does not only speak well for the enterprise of the citizens but gives the county a good name abroad. It is well for the newspapers to aid in encouraging the enterprise as should all public-spirited citizens.

EDUCATING THE PEOPLE.
Strikes are bad things, of course, and are to be avoided wherever possible. They bring inconvenience to the public, loss to the employes, and both loss and suffering to the strikers and their families.

Having said all this, however, the fact remains that such a struggle as, for instance, the great coal strike, has in it more of education for the people of the country, than all the universities and libraries of Stanford, Rockefeller and Carnegie.

In the coal regions 147,000 men have been on strike. These men are of every nativity and religion. Not all of them can speak English. They are men who were brought by the shipload as contract laborers to break down American wages. Yet they have been reached by the trade union sentiment, have been taught to stand together, and have made one of the grandest battles ever known for fair wages and decent conditions of employment. What university ever did so much for so many people as has been done for the poor Huns and Slavs and Italians by the trade unions of the country? They have been

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But the greatest educational value of the strike is to be found in its effect upon the general public. It is not too much to say that the coal strike has brought to the nation a realization of the truth that God intended the earth for all His children and not for a few only. The private monopoly of great natural resources is now seen to be a denial of the equal rights of the great mass of the people and an indefensible wrong. It is also seen to be a source of national weakness, and a constant menace to every industry. If the Baers and Morgans are to be allowed to own the fuel supply of the nation, then the labor and the commerce of the nation can exist only upon the terms laid down by them. This is an impossible condition of affairs, one that will be ended as soon as its existence is fairly realized. The anthracite coal strike has done more than all the writings and speeches of the political economist to educate the people on the subject of this great monopoly and its dangers.—San Francisco Star.

Judge—"You do not seem to realize the enormity of the charge against you."

Prisoner—"No, I ain't got my lawyer's bill yet, but I'm expecting the charge'll be enormous, all right."—Philadelphia Record.

Taylor Beckley, a Southern Pacific brakeman, was killed under a switch engine at the Roseburg yards Monday.

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