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There is a poor blind Samson
 in the land,
 Shorn of his strength and
 bound with bands of steel.
 Who may in some grim revel
 raise his hand
 And shake the pillars of the
 commonweal,
 Till the vast temple of our lib-
 erties
 A shapeless mass of wreck
 and rubbish lies!
 —Longfellow.

**WHY THE PEOPLE FEAR THE
TRUSTS.**

Regiments of arguments for capital-
 trusts and labor-trusts are hurled at
 the people of this country, says the
 Post, but they continue to be suspi-
 cious, continue to listen attentively
 to anyone who comes forward with
 a plausible "remedy" for what the
 trust advocates say is not disease
 but a national development of healthy
 growth. What is the reason for this
 tenacious, not-to-be-reasoned-with pop-
 ular instinct? The usual answer is
 "Popular ignorance." But that is as
 shallow as it is easy. Analysis dis-
 closes the truth, the bedrock basis
 for popular dread and suspicion. It
 is expressed in the one word: Power.

The people of this democracy know
 that their liberty rests upon equality,
 that in our social scheme no man
 and no group of men is permitted to
 rave irresponsible, unendable power.
 The corporation has always been
 sharply watched by the people be-
 cause it looked like a something pos-
 sessed of real power. The combina-
 tion, that amazing expansion of the
 corporation idea, is suspected and
 dreaded because it is obviously a
 depository of genuine power—the
 brains and muscles and capital of
 thousands entrusted to one man who
 is in no way responsible to any one or
 checked by any one, so long as he
 earns dividends and interest, no mat-
 ter how. And for obvious reasons this
 applies equally, will presently apply
 as forcefully, to the labor "combine."
 "No other depositories of power
 than the people themselves," says
 Jefferson, "have ever yet been found
 which did not end in converting to
 their own profit the earnings of those
 committed to their charge." And this
 the people believe—and can't be rea-
 soned out by plausibilities or philan-
 thropies.

"DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED."

The above headline is seen so fre-
 quently that it should be stereotyped.
 A combination of man that was load-
 ed and gun that was not in Baker
 City yesterday, resulted in a young
 lad having his leg shattered by a
 rifle ball.

There are two forms of carelessness
 for which there is literally no ex-
 cuse. One of them is pointing a gun
 at a person in fun and the other is
 putting poison in a bottle where a
 child can reach it. Any person who
 under any pretense will point a gun
 at you is dangerous and should be
 promptly knocked down. As to the
 second form of carelessness there is
 little or no excuse for that, either.
 Carbolic acid, and all other danger-
 ous drugs should be put in some
 bottle utterly unlike the bottle you
 keep other medicines in and then it
 should be put out of reach and away
 from other medicines. A little care
 would save a distressingly large
 number of "took it by mistake" acci-
 dents.

THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

The automobile goes merrily on
 reaping its victims. It will soon be
 listed as one of the causes of death
 along with smallpox and other epi-
 demics. The trouble is, the automo-
 bilist has no regard for the right of

others. A team is frightened, runs
 away and kills its driver, the auto-
 mobilist pays his fine and goes forth
 on his career of slaughter. An eastern
 physician who suffered several
 runaways from the criminal reck-
 lessness of an automobile neighbor,
 at last sent word that he would treat
 him like any other assassin, and
 shoot him the next time he did not
 slow down when he saw that his ma-
 chine was going to make his team
 run away. Regard for mutual rights
 will settle the whole question.

There are a few tramps making the
 rounds of the residences of Pendleton
 putting up a hard luck story of not
 being able to get work. If a too gen-
 erous public would refrain from be-
 ing moved to sympathy by their tale
 of woe and abstain from giving them
 a hand-out, they might have to do a
 little work. So long as they can live
 without work they will do so. There
 is no excuse for a man hunting for
 work now and not being able to find
 it. There is a steady demand for
 wood choppers in the Blue mountains.
 Men cannot be gotten in sufficient
 number. Show the tramp a sawbuck
 or an axe and you will see a vanish-
 ing scene. Work is the one thing he
 is not looking for.

Pendleton, Salem and many other
 Oregon cities are raising the salaries
 of their teachers. This is a move in
 the right direction. Teachers earn
 and deserve more pay than they usu-
 ally receive. Now if Pendleton will
 see to it that our teachers have
 healthful, well ventilated and com-
 modious rooms in which to teach, it
 will be another forward step.

The pope is not far from his ap-
 pointed time. He is very frail. Only
 regular habits and a very temperate
 and abstemious life has enabled him
 to reach his advanced age. He will
 go down into history as a good and
 great man.

A spike on the track might have
 caused loss of life instead of delay
 and property loss at Latourelle yester-
 day. Probably it was some child
 who placed it there without knowl-
 edge of the consequences apt to en-
 sue.

It will be a long time before the
 glamour of the Tracy escape fades
 from the minds of the criminal ele-
 ment. Indiana and Montana are both
 having a "Tracy" hunt after desper-
 ate criminals.

**"CURVES OF BEAUTY"
—IN KANSAS.**

How often have we shouted joy-
 fully, "O, Kansas, thou bringest all
 things!" The devilry of the tornado
 and the cyclone is in the Kansas
 genius. Kansas is a state of quips
 as well as of cranks. The unexpected
 and the innocently mischievous, the
 original, flows spontaneously from
 Kansas lips and pens.

There was a marriage in Hutchin-
 son the other day. The editor of the
 Hutchinson Herald heard the loud
 bassoon. Straightway he "blew off"
 affectionately the dual changed to
 singular:

"The groom was a widower and



Love is unequally
 yoked with sickness.
 Labor is lightened by
 love, but love cannot
 lighten pain or relieve
 it. Many a man looks
 on at his wife's suffering
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