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The laws in themselves are the scales of justice, the wronged poor-man's shelter, the pillars of the commonwealth; but the abused practice makes those scales unequal, that poor-man's shelter a man's poor shelter for his wrongs.—Warwick.

BOUNTIFUL NATURE.

The government's monthly crop report shows practically all our grain staples above their 10-year average; but the hero of the story is Corn.

The springs floods apparently doomed the country to a short crop of the greatest grain staple. Much of it had to be replanted and it sprouted late. Never before had a corn season been so backward. September furnished a variety of "frost scares," but after viewing his farm on October 1, Uncle Sam reports an average condition of 80.8, against 80.1 on September 1, and a 10-year average of 77.7. Never before had the percentages increased so steadily throughout the season.

Conditions have been favorable since October 1, and the frost danger is now passed. A crop of more than 2,300,000,000 bushels is expected, actually 60,000,000 bushels more than was indicated on August 1 and more than the country ever raised before, last year's bumper crop alone excepted.

When man has done his utmost to destroy prosperity here by fomenting ruinous strikes, there by "high finance and low morality," it is a relief to turn to the contemplation of the calm bounties of merciful nature.

The National Civic Federation, which is meeting in Chicago this week, was founded with a good purpose in view. It had for its aim the settlement of labor difficulties, without the resort to strikes. It had as its leaders the ablest leaders in both the financial and labor world to be found. But at this time, three years after its organization, it is further from reaching a settlement of labor troubles than at its beginning. During its existence strikes have been more numerous than before. Taking hope from its presence, many of the leading labor organizations made advance steps toward meeting employers, even more than half way. But the infamous decisions of such men as Judge Adams, of St. Louis, in the Wabash injunction case, has done more to separate the employer and employe than this federation has done to bring them nearer together; and the meetings now are just pleasure junkets for corporation presidents and defunct politicians, in which they enjoy themselves in a desperate effort to revive lost reputations and in making speeches which might pave the way to some little measure of popularity among workingmen.

In appreciation of the services of Dr. Lorenz, in curing his little daughter of what was supposed to be a hopeless case of congenital hip disease, Armour, the Chicago millionaire, will establish what he will call "Lorenz chairs of surgery" in the principal hospital of the leading city in each state in the Union. This great Austrian surgeon has built for himself in this country a name which will never cease to be remembered by grateful parents. His service in treating poor children free, is one of the most touching stories connected with the professional records of the country.

The trades in Portland are making their surroundings more and more unpleasant. The latest restriction placed upon the workingman is the result of the demand for a shorter day by the job and ad printers in the offices in that city. The employers in granting the shorter day, informed the employes that during the work hours no interruption of the workingmen in the offices would be permitted. Heretofore calls from friends have been allowed during work hours, thereby consuming time that justly belonged to the employer, and causing a loss to the office through the interruption of the employe. Now, when the employes come into the offices in the morning they will be required to work the full day, and their friends and associates will have to wait until the day is done to do their visiting. This action was seemingly justified by the constant loss of time, consumed by the employes during the day in answering numerous calls and in attending to private business while on duty.

The prices of oil, wood, coal and rent continue to rise in the East, but the wages of the poor man remain stationary, or becomes lower as the winter months come. Although prosperity semes to be in evidence among all classes, visitors coming from the large cities of the East, say that fully as much suffering as was seen last winter will visit the large cities again this winter, on account of the high price of fuel, oil, rent and other necessities. So many of the trades have experienced disastrous strikes this summer, that many able men following them have been idle, earning nothing for the extra expenses of winter, and eating up what was saved before. The year has been prosperous for all the great industries, but the expenses of the workingman are advancing and his income is diminishing and the East will have to help its poor population.

The efficiency of the law and the activity of the official is demonstrated every day. Yesterday, an escaped convict from the Utah penitentiary, surrendered, rather than be hunted and hounded by the officials on his trail. He would rather be at home inside the prison than to be at liberty and have the law and the officers against him. It is almost impossible for a man to make an escape now, through the combined agencies of the press, the officials and the systematized activity of the law.

The total wool supply of August 1, 1903, including the clip of this year, was 465,000,000 pounds, as against 490,000,000 pounds at the same date last year, a decrease of 25,000,000 pounds. The advance figures of the new department of commerce indicate an increase of over 6 per cent in the imports of grease wool for the fiscal year ending June 30, which means a still greater increase, if clean scoured wool alone is considered, as the increase is all in the coarser grades of light shrinking qualities.

RURAL MODESTY.

As a fine example of humble Western modesty, the Kansas City Star quotes this: "The editor of the Bosworth Star-Sentinel received a complimentary copy of a new song entitled, 'When First We Met,' the other day. Thinking it was up to him to say something about it, he wrote: 'As the editor of this paper doesn't know a demisemiquaver from a diapason, or a bass clef from a bone tumor, he will not be expected to give an extended notice of the production. We can say, however, that the type used in printing the song was clear and plain, and the paper seems to be of the best quality of rag.

The design on the front page is artistic and the words are as tender as a veal steak, and as poetic as a song of a meadow lark on a May morning. The melody is sound and all right, with no wind galls or collar marks. The harmony seems to be in a healthy condition, with no patent defects or noticeable blemishes. The tonality is clear and resonant and rests on harmonic relations and melodic elements. We will sing the song to any subscriber of the Star Sentinel who will pay his subscription three years in advance, throwing into it all the tender pathos and unctuous emotion of our cabbage flavored soul."

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