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calling and the laws against it. Gamblers are charitable men, as a rule. They give to every worthy cause. They spend a large proportion of their income for fine clothing; they patronize hotels, restaurants, barber shops, theaters, cigar stores, laundries, jewelers and almost every business in a city. They are not a clanish class nor a miserly class. The money they win goes back into circulation. Not one in a hundred hoards his money. Not one in a hundred gets a stake and quits. The circulation of money through the channels of gambling is constant. It is but justice to recognize these features of a profession that is universally despised, legislated against and barred from society. It is no worse for a man with five dollars to sit down at a table and gamble with cards than it is for a man with five thousand dollars to sit in front of the stock quotations and "buck" a game run on a greater scale. Yet the big gambler is respected, the little one despised.

J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction in Oregon, urges that the elements of scientific farming be taught in public schools. He does not contemplate thorough agricultural training, but rather that pupils be taught such facts and principles as should be understood by everyone living in an agricultural country. He believes that in time such instruction will become general and that teachers will be prepared for the work.

**"REST" ROOMS AT FAIR.**

Mark Bennett, superintendent of the general press bureau of the St. Louis Exposition, tells a writer for Good Housekeeping of a novel scheme for rest to be carried out at the big show.

"We shall have within the World's Fair grounds a hotel with over two thousand rooms. Guests of this hotel may retire to their rooms at any time during the day for rest without leaving the grounds."

A plan is also on foot to provide a creche, or nursery, of ample accommodations for small children, and the Fraternal Temple will be especially equipped for women with small children. The House of Hoo-Hoo, organized lumbermen, and the Burns cottage will furnish additional resting places. The board of lady managers will provide a building for the use of women, and the King's Daughters are planning to provide special headquarters for women. It is to be hoped that Jerusalem and Philippine exhibits, both of especial interest to women, will provide rest rooms. About 40 state buildings will provide rest rooms and nurseries.—New York World.

**ARGENTINA'S MEAT.**

American exporters of meat may well keep an eye on Argentina's remarkable advance in the production of beef and mutton. She is now sending 250,000 head of cattle (steers) yearly to the British market. Eight years ago she sent less than 40,000 head.

The South American Journal (Argentina) says that the resources of the country are practically unlimited, and they have been immeasurably developed in recent years by the wholesale laying down of lands to alfalfa, a very nutritious leguminous crop, which enriches the land with nitrogen accumulated from the atmosphere and is, through its deep-rooting habits, practically uninjured by drought.

**MAD AT MOTHER COUNTRY.**

A Canadian who has been most intimately and prominently associated with the Alaskan case, says of the Alaskan boundary decision:

"It is the hardest blow the imperial tie has ever received. The place Lord Alverstone filled was clearly that of agent for the British government. It will be a shock to the Canadian people to know that, notwithstanding all professions of friendship and sympathy, the solemn formalities of the international court have simply been used for the purpose of handing over Canadian territory to the United States.

"Canada has not only been spontaneous but zealous in defense of British territory, and has not hesitated to sacrifice blood and treasure in defense of the motherland. She must now face the fact that when imperial interests, or friendship require it, her territory may be handed over without the slightest hesitation. This marks the most serious epoch in the relations between Canada and the mother country."

**SLOW, BUT SURE.**

The ferry boat's not pretty. It has no fluttering sail. It doesn't dash the foam about. Nor acid before the gale. No poet sings its praises. With sweet insistent note: Yet we're under obligations To the good old ferry boat.

Now pause, fair youth and ponder The moral of this lay: And don't despise the man who goes A plodding on his way. Ambition swirls soaring— We cheer it and forget. The scrap pile's full of Shamrocks. But the ferry's running yet. —Washington Star.

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The postoffice scandals are reaching high up among the official roosts. It keeps them busy guessing whose head will fall next.

If Canada and the mother country fall out over the Alaskan boundary award, it would hurry up the inevitable annexation of Canada to the United States. Canada would then favor annexation to get even with England for signing the award that gave this country its just right to the defeat of Canadian contentions.

No other county in Oregon can present as many clean, newsy, up-to-date, aggressive country newspapers as Umatilla county. Every hamlet in the county excepting Helix and Echo is represented with a good paper. They are all well patronized, well kept, well conducted papers, showing thrift, progress and activity in the office and in the community, and it is a genuine pleasure to sit down at the end of the week, after following up the riot of telegraphic happenings for six blistering days, and read some clean, refreshing, wholesome local news and home happenings from the country weeklies. They are deserving of patronage and seem to be getting all they can handle.

No committee of human beings could handle a relief fund, as large as the Heppner fund, with as many varied and urgent demands upon it, as there were upon that fund, with entire satisfaction to everybody. The little flames of jealousy and bitterness that are fanned into existence after the fund is exhausted, the suffering relieved as far as possible, and the city on its road to recovery, from the shock, are but natural. They mean nothing serious. They are little festering sores that must break out, but they soon dry up and are forgotten. The relief committee did its work well. It handled a delicate business in a most graceful manner and deserves the universal thanks of the people of Heppner and of Oregon for discharging such a trust in such a manner. The communications in Heppner papers charging partiality are deplorable.

Ogden won't be imposed upon by the thugs that are now congregated there. It is no uncommon thing for men to be held up on the main streets there after dark. The off-scourings of the West seem to have flocked to that thriving city so the citizens are going to take the law in their own hands. An old-fashioned committee of vigilantes, the kind that civilized the West, is going to be organized to stop the work of thugs. This is severe medicine, but it cures. The committee may make some mistakes, but it will accomplish the object. A mistake made in a good cause is better than inactivity, so there need be no surprise if some of the thugs of Ogden are found some morning, decorating the cross arm of a telephone pole, with about six feet of daylight between their shoes and terra firma. That's what civilized the West. The pioneers haven't forgotten the prescription, nor how to administer the medicine.

There are many things which the professional gambler does that are a direct benefit to the city, notwithstanding the general objections to the

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