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hammer down the prices so effectively as to actually reduce the production of wheat or corn. It has always been profitable to grow wheat and corn, while it has not been profitable to mine copper during the past year and a half.

Although the demand for it has increased with the extension of electricity, yet the gamblers who control the copper market have simply held down the price and prostituted the commodity until the production has fallen off.

Copper has a legitimate place in the industrial life of the world. The use of this metal is increasing rapidly and there is no excuse for a restricted production, but nevertheless the gambler has hammered it down, in price and production until it is "on the bum," in the common parlance of the street.

During the month of May there was an increase of about 3,500,000 pounds of copper output as compared with April, but production was still about 8,000,000 pounds under May of last year and 13,000,000 pounds under 1906, due largely to the continued shut down of the Cananea properties.

The Boston News Bureau figures the production of copper in the United States, Mexico and Canada, for May, at 99,500,000 pounds last year and 102,800,000 pounds two years ago.

The total production for the first five months of this fiscal year is estimated as follows: 1908, \$38,596,559; 1907, 467,776,233; 1906, 484,826,881 pounds.

For the first five months of this year the production of copper is nearly 80,000,000 pounds behind last year.

There is now practically no restriction of copper output in Arizona, and the properties there are prepared to add several million pounds of copper per month to the country's output when conditions improve.

HUBBARD ON HEALTH LAWS.

Elbert Hubbard says some excellent things, occasionally and in his haystack of words it is often possible to find a needle of good sense and good advice. In a recent article on health, a homely yet vital subject, he gives to the world some wholesome advice, advice which would save people millions in doctor's bills, if followed closely and practiced with a will.

He says on the subject of health: The laws of health are very simple, and for the most part are understood by all people of average intelligence.

One reason why we do not all have good health is not because we are ignorant, but because inertia has us by the foot. The trouble is in our heads—we lack will.

The secret of Muldoon's success lies in that one thing—he supplies the will, for a consideration, which his clients lack. God knows, he earns his money, for he has to bump up, catch-as-catch-can, against a lot of inert grumpiness, and put it three points down.

If a high degree of health were the rule, instead of the exception, we would cease to talk about it. We discuss health, because pallor, languor, and breaths that almost derail trolley cars, ride Godiva-like, adown the times, and put us on the binkereens.

In one respect at least we have made head. It is no longer necessary to order people to keep personally clean—humanity's hide is now daily soaped, soaked and scrubbed. Whereas, in the days of Good Queen Bess, who they say was not so very good, the courtier who took a bath in his altogether between November and May was unknown.

Even 50 years ago, the man who ordered a bath at a tavern was regarded as reckless of both health and money. It was an event! The water had to be heated in the kitchen and carried in buckets to his room, and a porter stood by to see that the carpet and plaster did not suffer.

The danger of catching cold through bathing, excepting in hot weather, was considered very great. Scientific plumbing is less than 40 years old. The famous Fifth Avenue hotel did not have a single room with bath attached when it was built. Now everybody bathes, and we have ceased to talk about it.

Will the time come when we will cease to advocate out-door exercise, deep breathing and kind thoughts? I hope so.

GOVERNOR HUGHES' VICTORY.

The passage of the law in New York against race track gambling is a big personal victory for Governor Hughes.

The interests opposing the measure were powerful. Investments worth millions of dollars were at stake and the men controlling them were experts in the devices of manipulating political machines. All the customary evidences of trickery were apparent in the first fight for the bill, a fight which the race track men won.

The governor's call for an extra session showed his courage and his fore-

sight. He believed he could appeal successfully to the people to back him and they did.

By centering attention on this one measure he aroused a public sentiment that forced the legislature to come to his terms. It was a fine exhibition of nerve and it demonstrated again what so many men in politics forget, that the people like a fighter.

Among all the excellent sites offered for the Pendleton federal building it should be possible to secure one good location in the central part of the city. The postoffice should not be placed at either extreme edge of the business section, as this location will be permanent and final and no injustice should be done to any part of the city.

When one reliable farmer says that he will thresh 45 bushels of wheat and another farmer owning the next field says he is going to harvest but 18 bushels, owing to the dry season, how are the poor newspapers and statisticians going to know what to say about the wheat crop? The Lord only knows what the yield will be; the newspapers don't know.

Next year Pendleton will ship Portland several carloads of roses to supply the deficiency in the rose show. Pendleton can grow them and she can give them away, too. Soil, climate and charity are three leading characteristics of Umatilla county.

SAYS MARRIAGE INSURES LIFE.

A German scholar named Lange, who has given much attention to the question whether married men or bachelors live the longer, records his emphatic verdict in favor of the married men. He has studied the sick funds and insurance statistics of Europe and America, and this is his solemn conclusion:

Not only do married men live longer, but they are more immune as regards sickness. Lange has a pile of statistics from places where various epidemics have prevailed, the range covering Hamburg, Liverpool, Chicago, Rome, and in every case, whether the disease has been cholera, typhus, smallpox or measles, the bachelors have caught the disease first, and shown by far the highest rate of mortality. It is when they become somewhat aged that bachelors show the greatest tendency to illness.

It speaks volumes for their selfish and one-sided way of life that the diseases to which they are most prone are diseases of the organs and digestion. From diseases of the throat they are peculiarly free, whatever this may signify.

Their hearts, such as they have, are in a bad way. Professor Lange says diseases of the heart in bachelors are more numerous and take far more dangerous forms than among married men. What does this signify? Does it mean that the hearts of the selfish ones "grow bad" from want of movement and the practice of love and charity? Lange does not say.

Another point: Madness and lunacy in all their terrible shapes are more frequent among bachelors. Any psychiatrist in good practice will confirm this. There are wards in public asylums where among certain kinds of lunacy quite 80 per cent are bachelors, and the strange thing is that they are mostly incurable cases. The moral is obvious.

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The average price of bituminous coal at the mines in 1907 was \$11.14, against \$11.11 in 1906 and \$1.06 in 1905. The average price in 1907 was higher than that in any other recent year except 1903, when prices were abnormally high because of the famine produced by the great anthracite strike in 1902.

For the third time a jury has been unable to agree on a verdict in the case of Charles W. Walton, accused of holding up a Portland street car and attempting to murder the conductor. He will be tried again.

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SCIENCE AND WAR.

Science will never make wars impossible, because science can never limit the ingenuity and knowledge of men to a single channel. The defensive will ever keep pace with the offensive, and destructiveness will sooner or later carry its own antidote. When men's hearts are cleansed and purified, when peace becomes the ideal of heroism and courage, then and then only will wars cease upon the earth. And the same humane influences can be depended upon, in all probability, to prove the falsity of the dismal predictions of the fatal trend of commercial progress.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Cuba Must Be Ready.
 New York Tribune: The United States can not be expected to remain in Cuba indefinitely. If it is under obligations to organize Cuba for good self-government, Cuba is under at least as strong an obligation to facilitate and expedite that organization as much as possible. We are inclined to think that the ordering of these elections is the best possible way of moving Cuba to fulfill that obligation.—There have been those in that island who have desired American occupation to endure as long as possible, and who, therefore, have actually discouraged and delayed preparations for renewed autonomy. It is well that they should be reminded that such tactics will not permanently work. The proverbial postponement until "manana" can not be indefinitely repeated in dealing with the United States.

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