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will succeed in their designs upon Mr. Pinchot's official life.

THE UNDESIRABLE STUDENT.

The Yale Alumni Weekly recently discussed the undesirable student, to whom considerable attention has of late been directed on account of the complaints of eminent college presidents, says the Spokesman-Review. This particular undesirable is the student who is an athlete and not much else, or merely a rich youth who goes to college because it is the thing to do and is helpful to him socially, giving him an opportunity to form desirable friendships and to acquire a kind of polish that his clubs do not confer.

The Weekly recognizes the absurdity of his presence at college, but insists with good reason that college life probably does not hurt this sort of a person any and that it must expand his character a little more than it would be expanded in the counting room or in the inane occupations of a man about town.

This is true; but college authorities have had to consider the harm that his presence does to education and its serious interests. In order to elevate educational standards to restore scholarship to the place of honor that it once occupied in the eyes of undergraduates and to guard the ideals and character of the main body of college students the undesirable must be discouraged in some of his ways more firmly than at present. The colleges have made it too easy for him to inoculate the student body with the virus of his own dilettantism.

Pendleton has thousands of former residents scattered to the various parts of the world and especially in other sections of the northwest. Many of these former Pendletonians have been here visiting with relatives and friends during Christmas. Some time it might well for Pendleton to have a "Home Coming Week" and to invite all the city's former people to return for a visit. If they all came Main street would not be able to hold the throng.

Its weight, and this alteration is read on the steel-yard. Consequently it is possible to determine with very great exactitude the weight of the cargo removed or loaded into a vessel. —Technical World Magazine.

COPPER MINING.

Only seven copper mines were operated in Alaska during 1909, but these produced nearly as much metal as the nine mines operated in 1908. The low price of copper, though the principal cause for the small production, did not greatly deter activity in prospecting, both in the Ketchikan and Prince William Sound districts. The Mount Andrew, Jumbo, and It mines shipped ore throughout the year, and work at the Goodro made sufficient progress during the summer to put the mine on a productive basis. In the Prince William Sound region the Bonanza still remains the largest producer. At the Gladhaugh the sinking of a cofferdam to take a large body of ore lying above the first level was begun. Considerable development was done also on other properties.

The inland copper districts await railway transportation. Only at the Bonanza in the Chitina district, was there any actual mining. Here an aerial tram was completed in August and brought down some ore, which is ready for shipment as soon as the railway is completed. The probability of early railway connection stimulated prospecting throughout the Chitina Valley, and much of this was more systematic than that of the past. As a rule, however, property owners in this field have been inclined to do only the required assessment work and to defer the installation of mining and prospecting plants until transportation charges have been reduced. In the Nabesna region one property has been systematically developed, but elsewhere in the Nabesna-White copper belt little has been done but assessment work.—Geological Survey.

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What have we lost, with the prize won?
Wearying off in the warring host,
What is it all when all is done?
A handful of dust that our friends forget,
A dreamer asleep 'neath the cumbering mold—
Nay, but the Master shall summon us yet:
"Wake from your sleeping, the tale is untold."

Dreams that are lost in the swirl of the mist,
Hopes that were chilled by the death-cold blast,
Lips unresponsive that once we kissed—
What are they when all are past?
Ever the question, and answer none:
Ever the sob o'er the voiceless dust—
Nay, that our journey is but begun,
Master of Masters, we still will trust.
—A. J. Waterhouse, in the California Weekly.

HEROISM VS. INSURANCE.

Shortly before railroads were forced to elevate their tracks within the city limits, John Matchett, an engineer, was operating a switch engine on tracks paralleling Archer avenue. It was dusk, and Matchett's engine was standing on a switch track so that a fast, outward bound passenger train might pass.

Matchett heard the passenger train with its human load coming in the distance. Simultaneously, he discovered an inward bound freight train, running at high speed and almost at the junction of the sidetrack with the main line. A collision between the passenger and the freight appeared to be inevitable. Matchett thought otherwise.

"Jump off and flag the passenger," shouted Matchett to his fireman, at the same time opening the throttle of his engine.

The fireman jumped, the switch engine leaped forward over the rails with Matchett alone in the cab. At the switch, the switch engine crashed obliquely into the freight engine and both locomotives were piled up—a mass of wreckage. Matchett was killed.

The price of his death was the safety of the passenger train which Matchett's fireman had succeeded in flagging. The pilot of the passenger engine was stopped within a few feet of the wreck in which was buried the crushed body of the hero.

To the average right thinking citizen, it seems almost incredible that a corporation would mediate depriving the widow and children of a man like Matchett, who had saved its credit with the traveling public and

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

According to Christian Science, the sole cause and creator of all that really exists is God—God is Mind or Spirit; hence the real man who is the likeness of God is mental and spiritual. Man is not therefore a material organism which includes a mind, spirit, or soul, but is the spiritual manifestation, expression or evidence of the Mind which is God.

The basic fact of Christian Science being that "all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation." ("Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," by Mrs. Eddy, p. 468), it follows that health in its perfect sense must be a perfect mental state for the reason that it is a manifestation of divine Mind. Even a limited knowledge of this great fact has brought into the human experience of thousands not only mental peace, but improved bodily conditions. The teaching of Christian Science concerning the cause and cure of disease has within the past 40 years revised the world's thought on this subject to a considerable extent. Such attainments as the following, which is credited to a doctor of medicine in a recent issue of a well known periodical, are becoming quite common. "He who would live long, healthfully and happily should avoid all anger, hatred, jealousy, revenge, fear, anxiety and worry. He should earnestly cultivate those two great virtues, calmness and kindness. For calmness and kindness are not only moral virtues, but are the most valuable of all hygienic influences." Many observing physicians are willing to admit more fitly in the direction of the mental cause of disease than laymen who have less opportunity to observe such phenomena.—Christian Science Monitor.

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THE LAWS ARE FAULTY.

In the January number of McClure's magazine appears a very interesting article by John E. Lathrop, former editor of the East Oregonian, and George K. Turner bearing upon the subject of Alaskan coal and coal grabbers. The story tells once more of the fabulous richness of the coal beds to the far north. The value of the coal runs into a sum far greater than the national debt of America. The Alaska coal constitutes the reserve supply for the western hemisphere or at least for the Pacific coast of north America.

In their article the two writers tell how this great coal region has been filed upon, not by hardy prospectors, but by speculators having powers of attorney from people in all parts of the country. Some of these people, like the Cunningham claimants, are men of wealth. Others are politicians, bartenders, women and others who have granted the use of their names for the purpose.

The article follows up to an extent the exposures recently made by Louis R. Glavis and shows the close relation between the coal land getters and the department of the interior. The facts are damaging to the officials concerned. However the chief blame for the conditions of affairs is placed upon our antiquated coal land laws.

"The primary reason for this is our mineral and public-land laws," says the story. "These have been out of date for generations; they are the ridicule of every other civilized country; and they are founded on entirely wrong principles. The coal, timber, stone, general minerals, and water powers upon the public lands belong to the United States. They must be worked eventually, not by individuals, but by corporations. There are only two essential parties to the transaction—the government and the corporation. The United States practically refuses to recognize the second party and will deal—because of laws adopted to conditions forty years old—only with the individual. In the meanwhile, same and modern laws on this subject—such as exist to an extent in Australia and British Columbia—recognize the corporation, deal with it, and get what the government is entitled to from it."

This contention—that the great resources really belong to the public and should be developed to an extent at least in the interest of the public—is exactly the theory of conservation held by Gifford Pinchot, the particular gentleman whose scalp the coal grabbers and some other interests would like to get. Just now about the biggest economic question in America hinges upon whether or not they

A little girl went to the home of John D. Rockefeller to ask for some money with which to purchase Christmas presents. She spent Christmas in "detention" according to the press report. The girl made a mistake. She should have gone to see Jacob Riis.

While a local grocery store is engaged in moving from one Main street location to another it would be a splendid time for the saloon interests to secure two more pictures of "vacant" business locations in this city.

It seems that Zelaya insisted upon doing all the grafting himself. He would not tolerate any sugar trust swindles or any monopolies of public utilities save those he conducted personally.

North Yakima now has a prohibition fight on its hands. Here's hoping they'll be careful what they say about Pendleton.

Dr. Cook certainly does not stand very high in the view of the explorers who ramble on Broadway.

Christmas is now a thing of the past and New Year's resolutions will soon be in order.

Have you any money left?

WEIGHS LOADED SHIP'S CARGO.

Porhydrometer is the name of an Italian invention the purpose of which is to determine the weight of a ship's cargo in the hold while the vessel is lying at her moorings. The instrument in its application converts the vessel for the time being into a huge weighbridge, and its results are such as to be within one hundredth per cent of absolute accuracy.

The instrument is based upon the principle that a body floating in a liquid, irrespective of the density of the latter, will displace a quantity of that liquid exactly equal to its own weight. The reading part of the apparatus or steel-yard, is similar to that used in ordinary weighbridges. This part of the apparatus is connected to a float which is immersed in a chamber or cylindrical receptacle filled with water, this chamber being in communication with the outside of the ship by means of a small tube extending through the bottom of the vessel. The aerometer chamber is placed in the center of the vessel in a vertical line with the keel. As the vessel rises or sinks into the water according as to whether the cargo is removed or taken on board, the level of the water in the float-chamber consequently rises or falls, and the float itself is accordingly immersed to a lesser or greater depth in the liquid. This brings about an apparent alteration in

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