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IN BOHEMIA.

There are no titles inherited there; No hoard nor hope for the brainless heir; No gilded dillard, nobly born; To stare at his fellow with leaden scorn. Bohemia has none but adopted sons; It's limits—where Fancy's bright stream runs—all these attract the young man of ability from the fields. Above all, however, it is the loneliness of the country that dispirits the youth of the land. Mr. Chambliss proposes to build country farm-towns that shall contain electric lights, baths and all the conveniences of cities. He and Mr. Owen would make country life attractive. They would stop the country from flooding the city and start the cities of the Union to flooding the country. Both plans would remove the terror from silent acres by having the city spirit permeate the country. They would have amusement halls, theaters here and there, lectures, even saloons and billiard halls. To carry out their plans they would invoke either State or Federal aid, possibly both. They want good roads for automobiles, plenty of public conveniences of modern type, and the conveniences of civilization everywhere. If schemes of this kind are ever put into practice, we should like to see the inland Empire get in, as the real estate men say, "on the ground floor." Why should we be laggards in this modern movement? says the Herald.

PRUNE THE GRAFT TREE.

By the action of Postmaster General Hitchcock the matter of second class postal rates has been made a live subject. In the magazines and daily press of the country much has been said lately upon the question as to whether or not second class rates should be advanced. The following extract from the Atlanta Constitution voices also the views of this paper: "It may be highly desirable to make the expenses of the postoffice department accord more nearly with its income; but it was never intended as, and should in no sense be made, an institution of profit to the government."

"An approximately self-supporting postoffice department, economically operated, would approach the ideal. "Right here there are several matters to be considered before that of increasing postage rates is reached. "In the first place, the postmaster general himself has pointed out where the deficit can be reduced by approximately \$3,500,000 by cutting off the much-used and frequently abused franking privilege. "Then, we have heard it stated, and can scarcely question the truth of the assertion, that a thorough reorganization of the department in all its branches, and in the various details of the service, would disclose the possibility of considerable paring down of expenditure without impairment of the service. Why not have this situation thoroughly gone into by experts? "Next, before any action is taken in the direction threatened, congress should have before it definite information regarding the cost of transporting the mails, and the cost of transporting express freight. "The Constitution has repeatedly called attention to the necessity for securing this information as a prerequisite to determining whether the government is paying the railroads too much for mail transportation. "Mr. Hitchcock gives these matters no consideration whatever in his reply to the magazine publishers. "Would it not be well first to get the department upon a basis of practical economy along the lines suggested, and, possibly, others, before

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Most of the wrong doing of the world is confined to two classes of people, the poor who will not work and the overly rich who do not have to work. According to criminologists most of the crime originates in the slums where people live under abnormal conditions. That soil is not right for the development of people who are morally, intellectually and physically well balanced. But neither is the soil good where people live in too great opulence, where the men have little to do but smoke cigarettes around fashionable club houses or talk to other men's wives. That this is the case is indicated by the Cudrhy affray at Kansas City.

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If the department is not then self-supporting, advance the rates.

NOT ESPECIALLY NEW.

One of the most remarkable movements of the last few weeks has its storm center in New York, according to the Inland Herald. It is nothing less than a project to cityfy, or urbanize, the lonely acres where the plowman homeward plods his weary way.

Edgar S. Chambliss, of New York, and Albert Owen, of the same city, are authors of the new movement. These men have concluded, after interviewing Bolton Hall, who wrote "Three Acres and Liberty," that it will not be possible to induce any large part of the population to move into the rural wilds until something is put into those wilds to attract the people.

"Back to the land!" has been a cry for some 10 or 15 years, but it has been neutralized by the less grammatical cry, "Me for the city!"

Cities lure the able-bodied country boy, because of their attractions in commercial fields, their amusements, and their emphasis of the general joy of living.

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About the scheme of Messrs. Chambliss and Owen there is much merit. But the statement that they are the originators of the idea is a mistake. It is an old scheme. Edward Bellamy had the same sort of a dream and so have other men. They have not been limited to any age or any century. The situation Owen and Chambliss seek to bring about is usually referred to as the millineum.

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Ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt is dead and with his passing New York loses one of its most noted political bosses. For years the "Easy boss" was all powerful in affairs of the empire state. Who will take the throne now?

The ladies of the city do not want to have all the dogs that are "run in" dumped indiscriminately into a cellar. They fear some valuable pets might become caught in the net and they want to have a chance to get them out.

AMUSING THE PEOPLE.

Editor East Oregonian: You can not pick up a daily paper these days without being confronted with some kind of an indictment. It would seem that indicting trust magnates is rapidly becoming one of the great national indoor sports in America. It is as harmless as an air pistol, as exciting as croquet and as expensive as polo, while it is almost as interesting to the spectators as baseball. With all these recommendations I feel it will have a great run this summer. It is being conducted on the old old principle upon which the Romans depended for so many years. That of keeping the audience amused while it was being robbed. It is said the Roman rulers used bread and circuses for that purpose. Our American Yankee capitalist has learned how to dispense with the bread while still providing the circus. The first important exhibition along this line was furnished by that famous \$29,000,000 fine. That drew immense crowds, kept the spectators roused to the highest pitch of interest, which prevented them from noticing the pickpockets that were swiping their valuables. That immunity both afforded the very necessary variety that prevented any sign of ennui. It introduced a new element of excitement by showing how many different ways there are for the magnates to get away. At the present moment a half dozen states as well as the national government are staging teams playing the game to very large and appreciative audiences. The drawing powers of the act do not seem to be impaired in the least by the regular escape of the supposed victims.

The entire audience seems to be in much the same state of blissful ignorance as that shown by the visitor from John Day who was seen in the same seat in the Pastime picture show night after night. The scene thrown on the canvas was one of those affairs where the innocent husband arrived home shortly after the lover has departed. Noting his regular attendance, Mr. Matlock of the Pastime, inquired concerning the features that held his attention. "Some night that husband will get home before that other fellow gets away and I want to be here to see the fight," was his reply. The American public is hoping against hope that some day a trust magnate will not get away, and they want to be on hand to see the fight. They do not realize how the piece is staged any more than that innocent chap from John Day. So you see the grand juries go on indicting and the courts keep up their farce of prosecuting and the trusts keep on flourishing and growing.

Like many other games this one seems to be most dangerous to the innocent bystander. One of the anti-trust guns was pointed at the Hatters' labor union the other day and when it went off was found to be loaded with real ammunition. Yes, real powder and shot. Yet it was the same old gun with which the trusts have been shot every day for a decade without the least injury. And what are you going to do about it?

We socialists have discovered the "nigger in the wood pile" and know very well his name, which is Profit. Not until he is routed out as the incentive for all business transactions will we have or can we expect economic justice. To illustrate: A doctor, a lawyer and a preacher all went fishing one day. It was a poor day for fish and they fell into conversation. "How do you regulate your charges?" asked the preacher of the pill man. "Oh," replied the doctor, "I usually make a mental list of the patient's taxable property and then charge according to his ability to pay." "And how with you, brother," said the preacher to the lawyer. "Me?" exclaimed the lawyer, "why I size up my client's pile and include it in my fee. To be a successful lawyer," he continued, "one must be able to estimate how much a client will give up without pulling his gun." "Ah, me," sighed the preacher, "and I get what's left. Respectfully, J. B. DESPAIN. Pendleton, Oregon, March 8.

Saratoga Chips (Anti-dyspeptic).

Most dishes requiring deep frying are denied the dyspeptic because they are usually fried in lard, and lard does not "agree." The following recipe will be welcomed by those of poor digestion: Peel the potatoes and slice thin into cold water. Drain well, and dry in a towel. Fry a few at a time in hot Cottonseed. Salt as you take them out, and lay them on coarse brown paper for a short time. The above recipe can be followed without the least fear of disagreeable after effects. The chips will be crisp and dry—not greasy, as when fried in lard. Cottonseed contains no hog fat, but is made of purest cottonseed oil; it is recommended by physicians generally.

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