

The man who does not encourage home industry is an enemy to the country in which he lives. Encourage the mechanics at home rather than those abroad. Let the cost of home and foreign manufacture be equal, or a little in favor of the imported article, and we say, all the time, encourage the mechanics we have here, living with us and spending their money in the country.

If one half of the work performed in this State was performed by white labor, then the above line of policy would be excellent; but it is pretty hard to ask our consumers here to help China in preference to helping their own people in Europe.

The Cronin Case. Things are looking very "fishy" for the Groverites at Washington. The Governor and his satellites may have been able to thwart the will of the people in this State temporarily but when the light of a Senatorial investigation is thrown on the rascality its criminality is made manifest and the most obstinate or dyed-in-the-wool Democrat is compelled, at least, inwardly, to admit it.

Appropriation for the Blind. The proposed Congressional appropriation for the blind, while its object is certainly to be commended, can hardly be termed a prudent step. If Congress takes upon itself the expense of printing books for the blind, why not of teaching the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, or the lame to walk.

The slangy snob who drifts through the columns of the Portland Child's Own like a sniveling school boy over a blotted copy book, calls his dishonest conduct in reference to our subscribers, "untiring energy." If what we have seen of his conduct and heard of it in another region, is what he calls "untiring energy," then may the deity which presides over honorable newspaper men preserve us from such qualifications.

Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30, 1916. Winter is upon us, not with the bleak, stormy aspect with which it greets more northern climes; but with a mild and softened look and reluctant step, as if it refrains from robbing us of our glorious and golden Fall; the flowers in our yards have just now ceased to bloom, and first and last are slowly being called into requisition.

Pennsylvania Avenue, with its new pavements, affords a magnificent drive and unexcelled promenade, and as the many brilliant equipages, which have so long been deluged from its use, flash by, days and incidents of yore are vividly recalled. The sidewalks are again lined with familiar faces. Here may be seen each morning the Chief Justice of the highest tribunal in the land leisurely wending his way on foot to the white-domed capitol.

Many are the notables that now lend attraction to this grand street, and the suggestive is their presence, to one familiar with Washington life, of scenes long ago witnessed in the days of antebellum aristocracy and family pretensions; of the now requisite and abhorred splendor of the parties, balls and receptions; of visiting foreign potentates and titled grandees; of the women in their beautiful and gaudy, and men in their ostentatious and low-life gait—a veritable collection of factitious and artificial life.

To the crowd, the House of Representatives seemed the objective point, on Monday afternoon, the members of the majority of the many inquisitive visitors now in our midst. While the number of persons present was large, the atmosphere was not that of the 44th Congress, last session, the galleries were still uncomfortably filled, while the doorways were thronged with a large number of anxious faces, whose owners, falling to get seats inside, contented themselves as best they could by peering over the shoulders of the more fortunate ones in front.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture shows that there were distributed during the past year one million five hundred and twenty thousand pounds of vegetable and field seeds and textiles, including near 95,000 vegetable, 372,000 flower, 65,000 wheat, 64,000 tobacco and 868 cotton seeds. They were collected from all parts of the world because of their peculiar excellence.

slaughter being vigorous and his subsequent retreats, couched in the arms of the lamented Kerr has fallen on a lot not immaculate shoulders; but whether or not the criminal after eating the food with the person of Philadelphia's word politician, remains for the man and the future to decide.

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND ORDER of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clatsop, dated the 7th day of December, A. D. 1916, and to me as Sheriff directed, in favor of Karl Sellig and against the estate of Charles B. Thompson, deceased, I have on this 13th day of January, A. D. 1917, levied upon the following described real estate, to-wit:

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of William Houghton, deceased, and executor of the will of said deceased, has filed in the County of Clatsop, Oregon, a final account of his administration of said estate, and a statement of the assets and liabilities of said estate, and a statement of the distribution of the same, and a statement of the balance on hand, and a statement of the amount of the cash on hand, and a statement of the amount of the cash on hand, and a statement of the amount of the cash on hand.

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