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The convenience of having blood hounds for tracking criminals has proven to be of great benefit to officers in almost every instance where they have been used. With this well known evidence in existence, the wonder is that every county does not provide its sheriff with a small pack of the valuable man-hunters. Had blood hounds been placed on the trail of the murderer of Chris Ellis as late as the morning following the murder the chances would have been favorable that capture would have resulted. The value of the blood hound was more than exemplified in the search for outlaw Tracy. True, he was not captured with the dogs, but for days they scented out the territory through which he traveled, and only the craftiness, boldness and luck of the convict made it possible to escape the vigilance of the two hounds that followed him through Oregon and a part of Washington. The legislature would be practicing economy in the method of capturing criminals by providing that two or more blood hounds be kept at each county jail for the use of sheriff and deputies. In addition to being of direct assistance to the officers, the knowledge of the presence of the animals at each county jail would have a tendency to check crime, for the one horrifying fear of the criminal is the bay of the hound on his track. Hound puppies could be trained at one particular place in the state—the penitentiary, for instance—by a competent trainer, and then distributed in pairs to the county jails. It costs no more to keep a hound than it does a bird dog, and he is much easier trained.

Massachusetts is about to try a new experiment in the industrial management of its convicts. Instead of employing them in manufacturing goods to compete with the products of non-criminal labor, it is proposed to establish industrial camps and set the convicts to reclaiming waste and worthless land, of which the Bay State possesses enough to keep them at work for generations. The plan is a tentative one, the first camp having just been established near Rutland, but on the face of it the scheme appears to possess two merits. It furnishes outdoor work for the convicts without subjecting them to the humiliation of constant public observation, as would be the case if they were employed on the streets and highways, and the work performed will be useful work. If they are able to make two blades of grass grow where one or none grew before there is authority for the claim that they will be transformed from malefactors into benefactors. The experiment will be watched with a good deal of interest for various reasons.

Far away in the mountains of the Canadian Northwest, on the borders of the Canadian national park, near Banff, a bed of fine anthracite has been discovered which is from six to ten feet thick. It has been traced about ten miles. Such a deposit of hard coal will be of much use to Canada in many ways. So the development of the Dominion goes on steadily and Canadian prospects are excellent. The more Canada flourishes the better for the United States. Our neighbor to the north cannot prosper without benefit to this country.

According to the opinions of the press of the country James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, is devoting himself principally to politics at present. And it doesn't appear that he is at all particular which party he assists, according to the different versions of the affair, observes the Elgin Recorder. Republican papers in the east are claiming that Hill is a supporter of the democratic national ticket and that he is also endeavoring to place Lamont, one of his trusted lieutenants, in the governor's chair in New York. Be this as it may, the democratic papers of the state of Washington are severely criticising the great railway magnate for attempting to manipulate politics in their state in the interests of the republicans. To the disinterested spectator it looks as if some one is misjudging Mr. Hill, as it is scarcely probable that he is mixed up in so many different political schemes.

"Dig" is the terse motto under which at least one graduating class moved out into the big, busy world this year. It might be passed on to the Panama canal commission.

In the list of heroes etched by the flames on the Slocum the name of the captain of a pleasure yacht who made no effort to save life will not appear.

The Koreans are getting off more easily than they expected and are even managing to make a little money selling things to the soldiers.

A. Phillips, of Weston, has a good assortment of Milburn half trucks with Sarvin wheels. The three-inch will run as easy as an ordinary hack and is nearly dust proof. Also sells fine surreys with either rubber or steel tire, and harness to match.

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