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There is no doubt that much good to the public will be the ultimate result of the insurance investigations, which made many unnecessarily nervous about the money invested for the future rainy day, or of the packing house investigations, which brought nervousness about the food which is eaten daily. In like manner there must be some faith that some good to society will result from the disclosures which are being made in connection with the private life of some people much in the public eye. The testimony of the sister of the steel official, Corey, in the divorce suit of his sister-in-law, that her own brother was not a fit person to have the custody of his 16 year old son, brought out the statement that the fast life of New York made a wealthy man of that city an improper person to have children under his control. While no such sweeping indictment can justly stand against men of wealth, there has been a surfeit of scandal calculated to strengthen the impression that the testimony of Miss Corey has much of truth in it. A Pittsburg story of home destruction has features of apparent conspiracy against the peace of men and women alike which appear as shameful as they are disgraceful. No matter what the real truth may be regarding the private life of the parties involved, it is an abnormal situation where, in order to secure a divorce decree, detectives are hired to steal letters and letters possibly forged with the definite purpose of blackening character for unworthy ends. A suit now in the courts reveals a man actually engaged in a sort of divorce brokerage business, with a fixed agreement for payment at several stages of the proceedings and final settlement when the nefarious plot is at last successful.

Thomas A. Edison seems to have hit upon a valuable idea outside of electricity. He proposes that moulds be made for a house of a given design, so that liquid concrete can be poured into it. He estimates that in this way a house worth \$12,000 can be built for \$600. The thing looks feasible and if it should ever be realized will prove valuable for the reason that building material is now so high priced that home building is practically out of the question.

The East Oregonian is the first paper in Eastern Oregon to introduce reform spelling. The fonetic system looks odd but it is a time saver, to say the least. The 'intelligent composi-

tor" introduced the system in the Press Tuesday, taking the word "bride." He added an extra "d," and now the dazies are bluming on his grave.

Not until next Independence day will the new star be added to the flag. The formal work of making a state takes time and care.

If you z it in the E. O. it's zo.

### NEW USE FOR POTATOES.

Chicago Record-Herald.  
American farmers, if they will profit by the experience of farmers of Germany and France, will find in the new denatured alcohol act, which takes effect January 1, 1907, a means of materially increasing their incomes. At the state department reports have just been received from Consul-General Thacker at Berlin and Consul-General Mason at Paris, which show the great market made in those two countries for farm products by free denatured alcohol laws. In Germany over three-fourths of the alcohol distilled is made from potatoes, last year 91,148,182 bushels being consumed in the production of 76,010,927 gallons, or about 1.26 bushels of potatoes to the gallon of alcohol. During the last season there were 72,172 alcohol distilleries in operation, of which 6048 were farm distilleries, which illustrates how closely the new industry can be brought home to the farmer.

In Germany the distillation of alcohol from potatoes is one of the most important branches of agriculture. It alone in some cases renders farming pursuits possible in regions situated at a distance from business centers and possessing light soil, and many farms owe their existence to the distilleries. About one-third of the alcohol produced in Germany is denatured.

"The use of spirits for driving motors, lighting rooms and public places, cooking food and producing heat has a great future," says Consul-General Thacker.

"In the United States," he continues, "where alcohol for use in the industries can be produced more cheaply, perhaps, than in any other country in the world, the increased consumption of the spirit which will take place under the provisions of the new law will be of great advantage to our agriculturalists."

It costs in Germany about 2 cents a gallon completely to denature alcohol, and this is the greatest drawback in that country to growth in its use. The price of denatured alcohol varies from about 30 cents a gallon to 27 cents, according to strength and purity, and it has to meet in competition petroleum, which retails in Germany at from 18 cents to 22 cents a gallon.

In France the alcohol used for various industrial purposes is manufactured mainly from beet roots, the material being either the refuse molasses from sugar factories or beets which by reason of unfavorable conditions contain only a small percentage of sugar. Potatoes and grain are also used to some extent, but relatively much less than in Germany.

In France it costs about 10 cents a gallon to denaturize alcohol, because the government has set one process, while in Germany several different methods are permitted. This makes the cost of denatured alcohol in France in ordinary times 30 cents a gallon. In France about 8,000,000 gallons of denatured alcohol are consumed annually. From the cost of manufacturing the raw alcohol should be deducted a subsidy paid by the government equal to about 6 cents a gallon. Alcohol denaturized by the formula in use in France is not only unnecessarily expensive, but may also be purified and be used for human consumption. As the United States will adopt a formula which renders the product unfit for human consumption, the French denaturizing process will not be followed, and a much cheaper one may be adopted.

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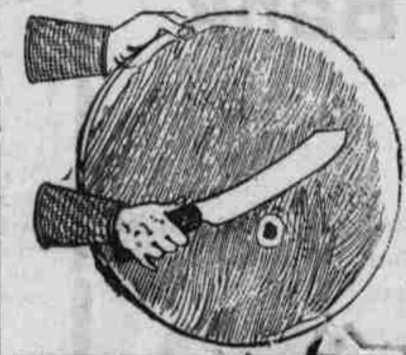
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