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Wood has been landed another tin medal. Governor Benson doubtless realizes that since the colonel has been carrying the Weston fountain around in his pocket, he merits recognition of some sort and the governor has been giving him a "show" of appointments, which includes honors from a straw guard at the penitentiary on visitor's day, up to a delegate at the Trans-Mississippi Congress. Even though there is nothing in it but a badge and an electric car ride or two—save the honor—really, men of affairs and consequences are expected to attend congress, and the governor's mistake in appointing Wood is at the same time rectified in the knowledge that the state will not be disgraced by his presence. It is evident that Benson is somewhat of a politician, inasmuch as the interstate commerce law against railroad passes, easily relieves the governor of the stinging odium that would certainly result should the colonel be enabled to drag his miserable carcass within the portals of the congress. Benson is foxy. He can go on indefinitely making a tin shop out of Wood, and rest perfectly safe in the knowledge that his official generosity will never be known outside of what publicity the Weston Leader gives it.

The August Lippincott's marks the five-hundredth appearance of this interesting monthly magazine. Were statistics available, some interesting ones could be compiled as to the vast quantities of paper and ink used, the stories, the authors, the advertising, and various other features of the magazine's life since its inception. During those forty-odd years much history has been made, and the world has seen many important changes. In the early days Lippincott's met with comparatively little competition; for the past decade or two it has been keen—so keen that some really meritorious publications have fallen by the wayside. Yet this dean of the magazines has found no difficulty in holding its own and adhering to its established price. In short, Lippincott's is not growing old gracefully. It refuses to grow old at all.

A bank official convicted of swindling and sentenced to 35 years' imprisonment, was pardoned after serving a few years. He had a new start in life, every one sympathizing with his resolve to reform. He got another chance, likewise more thousands with which he has disappeared. Sympathy is a pleasing feeling to the one who bestows it, but it is also expensive, particularly when it induces mercy to temper justice so that justice cannot be recognized.

It is evident that the British government in deciding to tax the unearned increment has for its main object the breaking up of large estates which have little productive value into small

holdings that will be put to tillage. The land laws of England are a survival of feudal times and they have retarded the progress of agriculture and of prosperity generally. In the building up of the vast estates the yeoman farmer, once the very backbone of the country, has well nigh disappeared and many thousands of acres have been withdrawn from cultivation and converted into parks and hunting grounds which, however beautiful, do not contribute to the sustenance of the people. That is a very serious matter in a country of such limited area and steadily growing population.

A medical journal enters an earnest protest against what it considers an abnormal use of elevators and street cars. It says that it will "atrophy the human race," or at least that part of it living where such step-saving conveniences abound. It is easy to exaggerate danger, but after all there is much force in what the paper says. Probably the most effective and health sustaining exercise is walking, and certainly it is one of the most pleasurable. It therefore follows that an over indulgence in the use of street cars and other conveyances means less exercise by walking and the result is not good. Many people to save a minute or two of time take the elevator or the trolley when it would be far better for their health if they walked the distance.

The pernicious habit of automobile "scorching" along public highways, resulted in the killing of a woman at Portland. Of late there has been a large number of automobile accidents due to reckless driving. In many cases the offenders are young men with more money than brains and who have the mistaken idea that other people have no rights for them to respect. Frequently the offenders are the victims of their own foolishness, and when that is the case it is exceedingly difficult to feel any sympathy with them.

Chicago, like many other large cities is notorious for municipal corruption, but the investigation now going on promises to reveal a condition of graft immorality and malfeasance of office even worse than was suspected. Not until reputable men are placed in office and municipal affairs are conducted on true business principles will the Augean stable of corruption be cleaned and kept clean.

The tariff bill is passed and signed and the president was forced to come out and say he thought the bill was a fulfillment of his party's pledges. But we find that both Senators Dooliver and Cummins spoke vigorously and voted against the measure. There is something wrong with a measure when two able men like these will voice such strong opposition to it.

An American girl is about to marry a Portuguese nobleman and the "dot," as the French call it, will be \$10,000. In other words she, or her parents for her will pay that price for a title. It would be dear under any circumstances, but with the present disturbed conditions in Spain and Portugal it looks like an exceptionally bad bargain for the girl.

When one considers the moral corruption that prevails among the idle rich, and which is constantly being disclosed in our divorce and other courts, one is quite ready to believe that virtue and honor are more often

found in the humble dwelling of the poor than in the mansion of the rich.

A woman who while trying to shoot herself shoots and wounds another person, should be locked up on general principles. That is evidently the view the New York police are taking in the Castle case.

The general public will sigh a sigh of relief when the Thaw case has ceased to occupy space in the daily press. Whatever the result of the trial the people are getting tired of the whole matter.

It was a case of too much money with the young Englishman at Portland, who, after receiving a remittance of \$250 from home, deserted his ship and now cannot be found.

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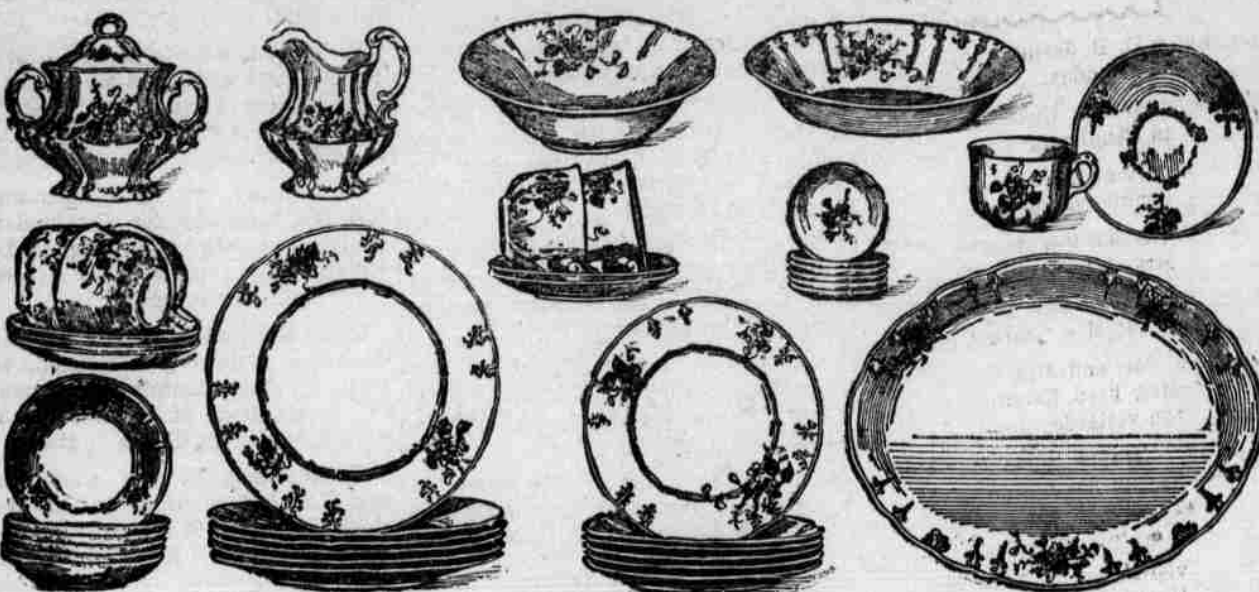
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