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#### FIRE WITH FIRE.

A subscriber thinks the following worthy of a place in-the columns of the Democrat, a case of meeting fire

"The boy was a fire fiend, fascinated by the play of flames, probably 'throwback" from Pagan times, when half the world paid adoration to the dread and mysterious gift of Prome theus. He loved "to see things burn and, unable to control his passion, be came an incendiary. The law tool him in hand. He was tried, convicted and remanded for sentence. A Psy chologist-one of the men who study the queer twists in human nature-be came interested in the case and suggested that " a hair of the dog that bit him" might cure the trouble. Instead of making a convict out of an other wise orderly youngster they made him a fireman-set him to work stoking furnaces-provided an occupation that diverted an uncontrollable impulse to a useful purpose.

"Applying vocation to temperamen promises to be one of the most impor tant activities of the future. As we grow to understand ourselves the social machine will develop fewer acci dents and breakdowns. Slipping cogs can be handled-loose belts tightened -it's all a matter of care and study There's a practical use for every being if we can find how to adjust him to utility.

## WHAT ALCOHOL DOES.

In the July American Magazine is an article entitled, "Can You Drink and Hold Your Job?" by Dr. Edwin F. Bowers, who says:

"American medical directors of three great life insurance companies estimate that from 7 to 43 per cent of accidents are due, either directly or indirectly, to alcohol. Seven per cent of railway accidents, 8 per cent of street car accidents, 10 per cent of automobile accidents, 8 per cent of those due to vehicles and horses, 43 per cent of heat prostrations and sunstrokes, 7 per cent of machinery accidents, 8 per cent of all accidents in mines and quarries, 13 per cent of drownings, and 10 per cent of gunshot wounds, are sustained, either in whole or in part because of alcohol,

"The widespread use of alcoholic beverages has been conservatively estimated as causing the loss of 21 per cent in the efficiency of the nation's workers. The production of wealth is reckoned at about thirty-two billion dollars; the loss due to deficiency (or diminished efficiency) in round numbers is therefore fully eight and onehalf billion dollars."

## IF WAR LASTS.

A French financier has figured it ou that if the European war lasts another year it will cost a grand total of \$100. 000,000,000. At 5 per cent the interest on this would be \$5,000,000,000 a year, or a sum equal to one-half the value of the total annual crops of the United States. In other words the farmers of this county could just pay the interest with half their crops yearly. It would take all the crops of all kinds grown in the United States for ten years to pay the debt without interest, and with 5 per cent interest added it would take about 16 years.-Ex.

## PASS THEM ALONG.

"Pass on the good things, the happy experiences that come to you-never the unfortunate things. By the time we have come to realize our debt of gratitude, too often our benefactor has passed away and we cannot repay him. But let us do as he did-pass along all the good we can to others."-J. M. Long in Farm and Fireside.

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#### MISFITS

A reader at Chautauqua gave th scene from Quo Vadis, where the giant mastered the bull, breaking his neck. At Philomath Buffalo Verdon. in a few seconds, threw a big black steer, and spit in his face.

The modern bowboy could show the old gladiators some things that would make their eyes bug out.

By the way, these round-ups, in few years promise to be as common as automobiles.

A mile gain in the war seems to be something great. But where will it all end, that's the rub.

When is one side going to yell 'enough?" That's what we're inter-

Every Chaut, Albany people learn omething new, particularly those who weat blood to make a success of it

One thing is that as an independent Chautauqua it may be a good thing to break loose from the attractions shown all around us and go it alone. perhaps a difficult thing to do.

### Hot Stuff.

Salem Capital Journal:-Tall Timothy Geer, who was governor of Oregon once upon a time to he intense dissatisfaction of his constituents, is out in a communication to the Oregonian demanding war with Mexico. He would shoot real bullets instead of notes. Dean Collins, at empty-headed scribbler, whose poeti cal efforts constitute about the worst conceivable outrage upon the public contributes to the same issue a demand for a "surge of blood to purge the stain from the sands of Carrizal.

### Great Opportunity.

To the Editor: I am known as a widow twice of Virginia, have four children, two small, and two of school ige, am looking for a husband. I can live on the place and take care of things alone. Would like to hear from men who are not over forty years of age, single men that have no children that have farmed and would be willing to live on a farm and take interest in the place and help as a life companion Call and see me before cropping time One with horses preferred, as I have none. I have all except horses and true husband.-Downey (Idaho) Ida

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