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For the past few years this writer has been compiling and classifying uata of every conceivable form tha tends in any manner to affect the vegro. At periodic times when the occasion seems timely the hundreds of cards composing the bulk of data on any given subject are brought to getner to be thoroughly analyzed assected and reviewed for the express purpose of presenting to the readers of this column a constructive suggestion for thought that might be of some benetit if applied.

In our group we have many active orkers who are constantly seeking funds for one purpose or another. rear after year it is the same oldstory-more funds. Apparently they get them too. They must be very dever in rotating their sucker lists or it hardly seems conceivable that ne same group is appealed to year atter year for the same prospective

With this form of financing it is no onder that their successes are not nore numerous. With the money coming so easy they do not know how to pest use it after they get it. Experience has and is teaching a great many of us that easy money is not good

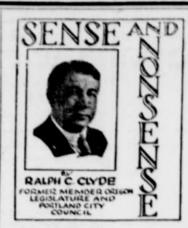
What we need is a combination of nese expert money solicitors to work nandiers harnessed and working for practical and constructive efforts we wall soon have plenty of capital to en- tomer-the receiver. gage in the myriad forms of enterprise mat will solve our own unemployment

In every community you will find some of our people, who, by the use or business methods, frugal living and right thinking that have prospered. their success may be only in the form ot a small store, a service enterprise, a particular profession or they may be insurance or finance company, a pubushing house or in any form of legitimate enterprise.

The point is that these successful people have administered their own enterprises, whether large or small, in a meritorious business-like manner and \$1.95! are affording our people employment proportionately. Every dollar that hey have made is the result of renderng some kind of useful service in manner that has resulted in profit. Their success does not represent series of donation-campaigns and consequently they know how to conserve and increase their hard-earned assets

A group of business engineers after

studying and analyzing the requirements of a community can find many prospective avenues of legitimate enterprise that would afford our group employment and which could be well managed by those who have managed their own businesses successfully, providing they had the necessary capital to extend their operations. Here's where some of our professional panhandlers could be used. They are so clever in raising money purely through emotion and for some very useless and impractical purposes, that their efforts, for once, could be concentrated on raising money for some very necessary and practical purposes. They wouldn't even have to ask for donations, they could transfer a proportionate share of ownership for each dollar secured. In time, the same dollar would be returned many times over to its donor and the surplus could then be distributed voluntarily to the real worthy charities in our midst. What's your opinion?



#### FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

We hope the day will be hastened when the legislature will adopt a measure to provide for free text books in our public schools. It does not seem to well rest in the minds of many when appeals must be made to charitably-endowed people to furnish school books to pupils whose parents are unable to purchase them,

Is it not rather a peculiar state of affairs that we should have public wnership of our school system, and private ownership of our \*extbooks? Oregon is one of the very few backward states in the Union which does not furnish free textbooks to the know." school children.

We hope that if this legislature does nothing else, it will at least enact this necessary legislation.

#### THE HAPPY SMILE

The happy smile is an asset. We all likt it. We like the man wha meets

But there are many, many smiles Tis said there are miles and miles of miles. There is the glad smile, and there is the sad smile; there is the good smile, and there is the bad smile there is the big smile, and there is the little smile; there is the straight smile and there is the crooked smile.

Yes, there are smiles, and smiles style all its own. Some call it the "sur pecially prepared for the purpose. It energy of these race money pan- is a "cafeteria" smile. One that is Tucker P. Smith, a secretary of the cooked, dished up, and always ready to deliver. All it requires is the cus-

> Yes, there are smiles and smiles and we see artists in the great game of smiling.

(A friend sent me this effusion which I think is worthy of publica-

New York, Feb. 6-Lincoln's Birthday this year, Feb. 12, is the 22nd birthday of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peothe genius behind a successful bank, ple and branches of the Association in all parts of the United States are urged to hold a dinner or other comby Mary White Ovington, one of the



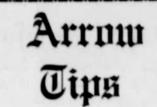
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Extract from an editorial in the London Army Quarterly of April,

"Today the whole civilized worldthe more sensible portion of it at any as a method of settling international disputes, is apparent." Recommended to the D. A. R. and the Army and Navy League of America. They may follow the example-"so British you

Here is another quotation from over the seas. This time from a sermon by Canon Donaldson of Westminister

"To me, war is the denial of God in all his Fatherland. The Christian must because he is a Christian, refuse to kill. To the government his reply must be: 'I shall not shoot; not even if you shoot me because I refuse.' Recommended to the attention of those Portland clergymen who draped the American flag over their pulpits and prayed for the success of the al hes in killing off the Germans.

Well, there are some bright spots in America. It is not necessary to go to England for all the encouragement University of Cincinnati resolved that compulsory. And on the same day testified against the military appropriations for the R. O. T. C. the follow ing week, three bills were introduced in the house and one bill in the senate, withdrawing war department support from all training in secondary schools and from all compulsory military courses. The world does move and isn't it about time that our Wo men's clubs and our parent teacher organizations protested against the compulsory military training in our University and at the Oregon State College? I do not anticipate any such action though you know Harry and George look so cute in their uniforms

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