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THE WRONG SYSTEM.

A New York eugenics society is conducting a contest for the selection of the most perfect man and the most perfect woman physically. After the selections have been made the winners are to be married. Five hundred dollars will be paid to the couple at their wedding and five hundred more upon the birth of their first child, the experiment being for the purpose of noting the result of a baby being produced under the most favorable conditions. As a matter of scientific research the result of the experiment will be watched with interest, although the outcome can be pretty accurately foretold, but if the idea is to apply the knowledge thus gained for the improvement of the race the effort is apt to prove a disappointment. So long as a large percentage of the population is forced to live and reproduce under conditions that inevitably produce inferior stock the effect of eugenics upon the social body will not be all that could be desired.

We are attacking the problem from the wrong angle. The city slums pour their annual quota of defective humanity to the number of hundreds of thousands and in order to overcome the result we preach eugenics.

The slums produce tens of thousands of tuberculosis patients annually, but instead of doing away with the slums we organize crusades against the "great white plague."

The criminal and vicious are produced in vast numbers by these same slums and we pass sterilization laws for the protection of society.

Whenever we as a nation make it possible for every individual to live a healthful, normal life these sore spots on the social body will largely disappear, but as long as we maintain a festering sore in every city the body is bound to be diseased.

OLD CLOTHES.

You can't tell how far a frog can jump by looking at it. You can't estimate the man from the clothes he wears. But many are judged by their clothes. David Grayson tells about old clothes in a recent article in which he says: "It's a great thing to wear shabby clothes and an old hat! Some of the best things I have ever known, like these experiences of the streets, have resulted from coming up to life from underneath; of being taken for less than I am rather than for more than I am. I did not always believe in this doctrine. For many years—the years before I was rightly born into this alluring world—I tried quite the opposite course. I was constantly attempting to come down to life from above. Instead of being content to carry through life a sufficiently wonderful being named David Grayson, I tried desperately to set up and support a sort of dummy creature which so clad, so housed, so fed, should

appear to be what I thought David Grayson ought to appear in the eyes of the world. Oh, I spent quite a lifetime trying to satisfy other people."

You probably have an idea that you are somewhat better than your fellows who wear overalls and slouch hats every day in the week but Sunday. You're not. If you wear old clothes occasionally you will find it out to your entire satisfaction. Really you will not make so good an impression as the man who has to wear them. Any consultation of the looking glass will convince you on that point.

Put on old clothes occasionally, you fellows who are always dolled up in keeping with your business and professional requirements, and be sized up from that standpoint; and also size yourself up. You will find yourself a much more ordinary person than you thought you ever could be, yet no worse, no less intelligent.

There are many noble hearts beating beneath ragged coats, many active brains beneath slouch hats. You will have that fact indelibly impressed if you don old clothes.

A suggestion that might be profitably adopted throughout Oregon is that contained in an exchange, to the effect that the United States Department of Agriculture is to encourage and assist in the organization of "pig clubs" among the young people in every agricultural community in the country. It is pointed out that pigs are everywhere a profitable crop, that even the smallest growers can make a little money out of hogs and that every family can at least lower the cost of living by raising its own pork. The "pig club" plan is a good one and worthy of general adoption.

With the development of reclamation projects in Eastern Oregon, the O. W. R. & N. company is planning a campaign to educate the waterusers in the actual application of moisture to the land, according to an announcement made by President J. D. Larrell. The company expects to send an experienced irrigation man from farm to farm to give actual working instructions on the best way to utilize the water. How not to irrigate is as essential as how to irrigate and the expert will put the farmer wise to all the benefits and dangers of the work.

By refusing to sanction a recess between the special and regular sessions of congress President Wilson is working a hardship on our worthy lawmakers. Although very few of them are farmers, they all have fences to look after and some of them are badly in need of repairs.

The Carnegie endowment has sent a representative to South America to "promote good will toward the United States." If so many American promoters had not already visited South America, the present mission would probably be more successful.

The report that diamonds are going to be cheaper will be hailed with delight by the common people. What do they care if steak does go to a dollar a pound if they can carry around a few pounds of diamonds on their persons.

While hanging a picture the other day a New York man fell and broke his neck. This should be a solemn warning to husbands not to hang pictures—they should let their wives do it.

One of life's neatest little ironies is the fact that the first person arrested under Wisconsin's anti-gossip law was not a woman at a sewing circle, but a man in a bar room.

With a shrewd weather-eye open to 1916, it is probable that President Wilson regards with Christian fortitude the efforts of Wall street bankers to defeat his currency bill.

It is stated that about three and one-third railroad men are killed every day. The passengers are usually divided up into eights or sixteenths.

The Standard Oil company, it is reported, is going to manufacture automobiles, thus making the auto a by-product of gasoline.

The trouble with some men is they never learn how little they know until it is too late to learn anything else.

We would rejoice over the exit of these summer skirts if we were not afraid of what they will be next season.

At least Woodrow Wilson is proving to be one of the most interesting congresses the country has ever had.

It won't do to judge a man by his automobile. Some mighty cheap men ride in high priced cars.

After a long and searching inquest on Madero the Mexicans have established the fact that he is dead.

If beef ever does go to \$1 a pound hash will become more of a mystery than ever.

It is proposed to establish an International Association of Thaw lawyers. Good scheme.

FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., October 25.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma, the chairman of the banking and currency committee of the senate, addressed the Baltimore bankers last week upon special request. His clear, forcible statement of the provisions of the currency bill made a distinctly favorable impression upon Baltimore bankers. His invitation of criticism, his frankness in answering questions and meeting objections was a surprise to some who had the idea that the bill was being "forced through." But more surprising to those who did not know the man was the thorough familiarity he displayed, not only with this particular legislation, but with banking and finance in general—not mere theory, but a thorough working knowledge.

A very solid basis of legislation had been laid before the Glass-Owen bill was framed. The national monetary commission had spent years in a close study of the banking and currency systems of other countries and of our own. The republicans had insistently urged the necessity for a more elastic currency and an improved banking system. Though it has remained for the democrats to act, this is in no sense a partisan measure. The financiers themselves were the first to call for a change, but all business men realized its necessity. So that the only real controversy is as to the details of the new system. Senator Owen makes out a strong case for the bill as it stands, acknowledging that some few changes might improve it, but emphasizing the fact that the senate committee is hearing patiently representatives of all the interests concerned.

The canvass of city boards of trade taken by the chamber of commerce of the United States shows a vote of 303 for the bill and only 17 against it, an indication that the business interests are giving it their hearty support, while they favor some amendments. Perhaps most of the opposition arises from ignorance of its provisions.

Notice of Sale of Real Property.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County. In the matter of the Estate and Guardianship of Jacob H. Teutsch, insane.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the above entitled court made on the 18th day of September, 1913, the undersigned guardian of the above entitled estate was directed to sell at private sale for cash or partly cash with security for the remainder, all of the real property belonging to the above entitled estate described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1 of the Irrigated Lands Corporation according to a plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, being in the east half of the SE¹ of Section 31, Township 19, South of Range 47, E. W. M., in Malheur County, Oregon.

That in pursuance of said order the undersigned will on Saturday, October 28, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the residence of Thomas Canham, Jr., in Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, offer for sale, subject to the approval of the court, the above described premises for cash or partly cash, with good security for the balance, to the highest bidder therefor, and upon or after said date will receive private bids in writing either sealed or unsealed, for said premises, the guardian reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 25th day of September, 1913. W. A. TEUTSCH, Guardian of the above Estate. First publication thereof September 25, 1913.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County. In the matter of the Estate of James J. Thomson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on August 26th, 1913, duly appointed executrix of the above entitled estate, by order of the above entitled Court and letters testamentary issued to her. All creditors or persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them, with the proper vouchers, to said administratrix at Nyssa, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at Nyssa, Oregon, this 26th day of August, 1913. MARTHA ADELINE THOMASON, Executrix. McCulloch, Wood & Eckhart, Attorneys for Executrix.

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