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A HARD PROBLEM TO SOLVE.

IF THE EXAMPLE of the telephone trust should be generally followed, there will be no work for the "trust-buster," for the trusts are "busting" themselves.

The Oregonian has asked a question that is hard to answer, and impossible to answer satisfactorily to all, and especially to those who have put their good money into watered stocks.

Suppose a check was so cleverly forged as to deceive the banker on whom it was drawn, and he cashed it, should the person whose name was forged, and who had funds in the bank be made to pay, to stand the loss, because otherwise the banker, who was entirely innocent, would suffer loss?

If we as a people had done our duty, and were entirely innocent, the cases would be exactly alike. The trouble is that we are to a certain extent parties to the swindle, for we have connived at all kinds of frenzied finance.

This question will come up for solution before long, and in the meanwhile we should sever our connection with the gang of financial thieves and put a stop to their swindling.

If this were done there would be some, who are now high in railroad circles and who rank as millionaires, who would be working for the state for nothing.

The time is coming when this class will be treated as it deserves, but it will be some years yet and it will not be while we free-born and grandiloquent citizens of the greatest country on earth, continue to be the groveling worshippers of wealth, and the lick-spittles of such men as Carnegie, Rockefeller, Morgan, and that flock of foul birds of prey.

This gang recently watered the stock of the New Haven Railroad system, taking it when it was capitalized at \$93,000,000 and pouring in water until the capitalization was increased to \$417,000,000, and having sold this to the innocent public, pocketed the difference, all except the cost of 50 miles of railroad.

The government should bring suit against the gang and compel it to return into the treasury of the New Haven every dollar of the ill-gotten plunder. This should be paid back to the innocent purchasers of the watered stocks and then the gang of thieves should be sent to prison for the balance of their lives.

AN UNANSWERABLE QUESTION.

MR. HAZZARD, who was here Monday and Tuesday assisting in examining applicants for citizenship, left for Portland Tuesday afternoon. He was representing the general government which is taking a hand in the naturalization business and questioned some of the applicants rather sharply.

LET US ALL WORK FOR SALEM.

WE ARE RATHER PAINED to see in our morning contemporary an announcement that it will during the whole year 1914 print in its Sunday editions a record of those who have left Salem and Polk and Marion counties and done well elsewhere.

In this connection we can add that during the year 1914 The Capital Journal will contain much descriptive matter of the Willamette valley and especially of Salem, and Marion and Polk counties.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

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ing country. To accomplish this requires not only some work on our part, but a hearty co-operation on the part of The Capital Journal readers. It is not encouraging to the newspaper man to write up the country for those who are here, for they know all about it.

The school superintendents now here, and the county fair superintendents who are expected to be here Friday, will discuss the question of whether a county fair can be made a success without horse-racing?

The Christmas holidays seem to have made the candidates for the governorship hold off in their announcements for a while. Maybe they felt the country should not have too much excitement and joyful tidings in a bunch.

Portland, in her laudable efforts to furnish work for the unemployed, enough to at least feed them, is having a hard time in separating the sheep from the goats. The L. W. W. style of citizen has a fashion of doing nothing when work is given him, and about the only thing he will do is to refuse to pay for meals after he has surrounded them.

Are You Starving for Air?

By Edwin Markham.

Samuel Hopkins Adams of the American Medical Association, in "The Health Master," just from the press of Houghton-Mifflin company, offers a book of importance. It is the account of a family who adopted the old Chinese plan of retaining a doctor to keep them well, instead of taking the chances on being ill and then calling in the doctor.

"Look at the modern sleeping car—heavy plush sets, soft hangings, thick carpets, fripperies all as gorgeous, vulgar, expensive, tawdry and filthy as the mind of man can devise. Add to that windows hermetically sealed in the winter months, and you've got an ideal contrivance for the encouragement of mortality.

"I remember in my college days that the winter term was considered to be the most difficult in every year. The curriculum didn't seem to show it, but every professor and every undergraduate knew it. Bad air, that's all. The recitation rooms were kept tightly shut.

"I remember Miss Ben's room," said Julia thoughtfully. "It used to get awful hot there. I never liked that

grade anyway, and Bobs got such bad department marks."

"Both of the twins had colds all the winter they were in that room," contributed Grandma Sharpless.

"When will the substitute mothers and others who run our schools learn about air?" he cried. "Air! It's the first cry of the newly born baby. It's the last plea of the man with the death rattle in his throat. It's the one free boon, and we shut it out."

"But you wouldn't have them study with all the windows open on a cold day?" protested Mrs. Clyde.

"Wouldn't I? Far rather than to choke them in a close room! Why, in some schools the sickly children have special classes on the roof, or in the yards, all through the cold weather, and they study in overcoats and mittens. And they learn. Not only that, but they thrive on it."

DOMINION.

GIGANTIC FRAGMENTS, statues, columns, tombs Of Kings, and mighty ruins dot the sand.

All lies ranked up with dust that once Was of the dead, and frames of men That fell when death, most merciless, Most sinister, most cruel, rumbled On the endless file of fragile battle fronts

And slow these men that grew to be the dead, Razing the cities they had tenanted.

Unnamed, unnumbered skulls of weary men Lia by the upland paths. The hillsides bare

View, over deepening country, haunts, retreats, Broad valleys, sacred woods—but all, alas, in dust. The envy-drunken vineyard where fair youth Had lingered pensive with his half-eternal love;

The garden fair with every sickening odor of the sun; The pulsing open fields with waving grain; Sad summer joys; the toil of sickled harvest;

The gorgeous bridal summer-song of singers Whose deathless, unimagined, vital logic Dreams unweaved, twice-adored, and unconfessed.

In dust of idle dreams and lofty athle Born of overburdened citizens; Ah! Alas, All these have faded, shattered, crumbled blown And only vagrant rifts of skull-masked sand

Remain to mark the sad predestined Miriflous march of years. Some miracle of fancy seems all this, As if, beneath the drifting sands, repose

Some dirge of men, that lay in death, and lifeless, Laughed—for even the skull may laugh—a mirthless laugh. One chord to find its rest in lark, the other half

To thrust its visage to eternity alone, Dispersed and broadcast as these brains have blown. V. ERNEST BAKER. Willamette University.

NOTHING HAPPENED.

(Judge.) She sat beneath the mistletoe, Without the slightest fear; She felt no wild, glad tremor, though She knew he lingered near. She sat there calm and unafraid, And sleepily he yawned, for they'd been married for a year.

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MINING COMPANIES REFUSE TO AGREE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Calumet, Mich., Dec. 31.—Uncompromising adherence to their determination never by direct or indirect means to recognize the Western Federation of Miners was pronounced late yesterday by mine managers of the copper strike district who were willing to discuss the visit here of John R. Densmore, solicitor of the department of labor.

The fact that Mr. Densmore had announced his mission as one of conciliation made most of the employers shake their heads dubiously. "We could not treat with the federation even if we wished," said F. W. Dennton, manager of the Copper Range Consolidated company.

The strike is to enter on its final stage within two days, today being the last on which the companies will receive applications for work from strikers. Originally December 1 had been set as the limit, but at the request of business men the time was extended.

LOGGING CAMPS TO GET BUSY. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Astoria, Or., Dec. 31.—It is expected that the majority of the logging camps in the Lower Columbia River district will start up next Monday after the close down for the holidays.

BLIZZARDS AND FLOODS ARE HITTING FRANCE HARD. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Paris, Dec. 31.—France and the greater part of Europe is experiencing the bitterest year-end in a decade. Blizzards and floods have done great damage inland and gales have ravaged the coast.

PREDICTS WET WEATHER. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Santa Clara, Cal., Dec. 31.—A continuance of the wet weather of November and December was predicted for January yesterday by the Rev. J. S. Ricard, of Santa Clara university. The last ten days of January, he predicted, likely will produce important and historical planetary disturbances.

FLATTERY? NO, INDEED. Madge—Did he try to flatter you? Marjorie—Why, no, dear. He merely said I was the prettiest girl he's ever met.—New York Sun.

JOURNAL WANT ADS. bring results. In southern France and southwest Europe

rope railroads are out in many places and this section is isolated as far as telegraphic communication is concerned. Scores of villages which ordinarily would have seen snow are cut off.

ATTEMPTED GRAND LARCENY CHARGED IN INDICTMENTS. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Dec. 31.—Thomas Hessel, former secretary to State Engineer John Bessel, and formerly an employe of the board of water supply for New York City, was indicted late yesterday on the charge of attempted grand larceny.

LEGISLATORS FOUND GUILTY. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Five members of the West Virginia legislature are guilty of accepting bribes in connection with the election of United States senator at the regular session in January and February, 1913, and should be expelled, is the finding of a joint committee of the two houses of the legislature, made public yesterday.

AN EVERYDAY CONVERSATION. Mr. E.—(failing to suppress a yawn)—"My dear, you will pardon me for saying it, but our evenings have reached a point where they are dead slow."

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