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THREE GOOD THINGS.

'According to the judgment of a Kan-
sas legislator, Representative Madison,
there are three projects which need
pushing just now for the benefit of that
part of the world. These things are
another good "money crop" for the
farmers, forestry and good roads. On
all three of these he has been working
with the Department of Agriculture.

As to the first, he reports that a
particularly promising variety of hardy
alfalfa, now being tested by the De-
partment of Agriculture, will prove a
great money-maker for the bench lands
of southwestern Kansas, which are too
dry for ordinary methods of cultiva-
tion.

This alfalfa is being planted in rows
and plowed like corn. Then it is to be
threshed for seed. The country, Mad-
ison found, is demanding more alfalfa
seed and it was bringing from \$10 to
\$12 a bushel in the market. The de-
partment was expecting from three to
four bushels of seed to the acre.

Last year Mr. Madison secured from
the department enough of the drought-
resisting seed for forty men to plant
about five acres apiece. It was plant-
ed this spring. He declares that if this
alfalfa half meets the expectations of
the department it will be a great thing
for Western Kansas. "One good seed
crop a year would be profitable. And
I understand that the seed develops
better on the dry uplands than in the
moist valleys. A farmer is doing pret-
ty well out there if he gets fifteen
bushels of wheat to the acre. If he
could depend on getting even two
bushels of alfalfa seed at \$10 to \$12 a
bushel you can see what it would mean
for him."

"This is a venture that should interest
Utah farmers. If the new variety of
alfalfa has not yet been tried here, it
should be experimented with at once,
since it might do much better here than
in Kansas.

As to the second project, forestry, it
is being taken up in Kansas with Gif-
ford Pinchot, chief forester. "The Kan-
sians have shown," to him the need of
two additional nurseries to stock a cer-
tain forest reserve. Mr. Pinchot has
promised that these shall be established
as soon as the type of tree best adapted
for the conditions shall have been
determined on. He hopes that the
nurseries will be begun next year.

Here again is a suggestion for Utah.
At this time there should be such nur-
series established in almost every
county here, in order to reforest the
canyons as an investment for the fu-
ture greatness of this state. A little
has been done in this direction, but
the people are not yet really in earnest
about forestry.

The third project, that of good roads,
has been forced upon the Kansas
legislature by the fact that a barrier
of sand hills on the south bank of the
Arkansas, has long blocked the
tributary farming territory to the
south. The roads through the sand
hills were nearly impassable.

Representative Madison induced the
good roads office of the Department
of Agriculture to send an expert last
year to supervise the building of roads
through the sand hills. In this work
Editor Faxon was a most important
factor. He pressed it daily through
his newspaper at Garden City. The
business men took up the matter after
the county had given financial help,
and a sand clay road was built through
the sand hills. This road, once avoid-
ed by everyone, has now become a
speedway for motor cars.

Here again is an important hint for
our own State, which has, in the south-
ern part, many such sandy areas as
those just conquered by the sand-
clay roads of Kansas. In building
these roads, the sand is first scraped
out of the road to a width of fourteen
feet and a depth of fourteen inches.
This space is filled with clay, or earth
of any sort, and is covered with sand.
The resulting road is said to be as fine
as a good macadam.

THE REASON OF IT.

The rowing world, especially that
important and popular section of it,
the college section, has for years re-
garded with mingled admiration and
astonishment the system of aquatic
ethics which has placed Cornell univer-
sity "at the head of the class" in col-
lege rowing. There have been explana-
tions and alleged explanations, ventila-
ting the philosophy of this, that and
some other boating authority, and no
authority at all; until the weary reader
exclaims, "All is vanity and vexation of
spirit." The fact that the real points
in the methods of Mr. Courtney the
Cornell coach, have not been adequate-
ly exploited and never adopted else-
where shows the conscious vanity in
man, as specifically illustrated in the
other college coaches and rowing men-
tors. These astute gentlemen have
been so confident that after all, their
individual ideas are the only ones
worth putting into practice that they
refuse to acknowledge higher and
more practical line of tactics offered
by any one else, even though years of
experience made plain enough the true
situation.

But the coaches are not wholly at
fault. An equal onus rests on the

college management which selects the
coaches, forms general policies and
puts into effect the more important de-
tails of administration. While posing
as profiting by the light of experience,
these authorities fail to regard that
light with the lessons it teaches. They
are influenced by ideas often as im-
mature as they are pronounced, and by
policies amateur and unreliable because
not based in the groundwork of ex-
perience. The ancient adage, "Too
many cooks spoil the broth," was never
better applied than right here in this
instance; and another trite phrase,
"Too many irons in the fire," with the
customary results, will equally apply.

It has remained for a correspondent
of a New York paper, Dr. Walter B.
Peete, an old time oarsman, to size up
the situation in its real light, and lay
the facts before the public. The Cor-
nell system makes as its first and car-
dinal point, absolute control by the
coach, with no interference from out-
siders or insiders. This, for one thing,
does away with college society pulls
to get certain "favorite sons" on the
crew. Secondly, there is no captain.
Cornell has not had one for years,
though it is obvious that some discre-
tion in the interior management of the
boat when in motion must be left to
some one in it, and that brief authority
is given to the stroke oar. But the real
captain is the coach sitting in his
launch close by. The sound reason for
this is better comprehended when we
ask with what show of reason can a
young and inexperienced boy as "cap-
tain" of the crew, order a professional
coach to do this or that or something
else, and expect to win? Dr. Peete
calls attention to the fact that Ellis
Ward lost one varsity race for Penn-
sylvania because he could not put the
captain off the crew. Court-
new of Cornell would not have
brooked this captain's insolence one
second, but Ward could not help him-
self use this up in the boat, thus se-
cure Yale give almost entire control to
their captain; immature, grass green
undergraduates, whose powers of rea-
soning and observation are unseasoned
by good judgment, and are without
the leaven of experience.

Thirdly, the rigging of the boat must
be left to the coach. As Dr. Peete asks:
"What amateur can rig a boat so as
to get the best speed out of the men,
compared with a professional sculler
who has constructed his own shell?"
Then, no alcohol in any form should
be tolerated in beverages drunk, and a
system of strict morals must be main-
tained. In the next place, the Cor-
nell system emphasizes no gymnasium
or any exercise whatever outside of the
rowing exercise; even to the exclusion
of "running for wind." It is argued
that oarsmen have a certain amount of
energy and tissue to consume, and why
note use this up in the boat, thus se-
curing much more rowing practice, ex-
perience and smoothness. Why not
develop the wind by rowing rather
than by running?

A specially important fact is brought
out in the development of the rowing
muscles, avoiding muscular develop-
ment on all sides of the bones which
is promoted by general gymnasium ex-
ercise. For all-round development this
may be all right; but in rowing it
binds a man from reaching out—
which is so essential on the recover,
and "kills" smoothness of performance.
It is a detriment to good waterman-
ship.

These cardinal points in the Cornell
aquatic herald are presented for the
consideration of rowing college coaches,
and student administration councils.
As long as these authorities tolerate
undergraduate interference with the
coach, especially in the continuance of
captaincies, it will continue a case of
divided responsibility, with consequent
inferior performance, if not actual dis-
aster. And as long as the system of
training remains as at present, with
various forms of exercise additional to
that demanded alone by rowing, and
as long as the rigging of the boat is
decided by immature undergraduate
ideas, the most economic forms of
dynamics in boat propulsion will re-
main an uncertain quantity.

Mr. Courtney's system, viewed in the
light of 25 years' experience, and the
signal success attendant upon it, cer-
tainly ought to set our college rowing
authorities to looking at that system
with some idea of giving it as least a
trial.

SPEEDING BY AUTOMOBILISTS.

The flagrant violations of the speed
limit for automobiles has been brought
forcibly before the people of State
street by a serious accident which hap-
pened a few evenings ago, in which a
man who is said to have been standing
on the side of the road was knocked
down and run over. In addition to be-
ing badly shaken up and bruised the
man received a fractured leg, and is
now confined to his home. The case
is a pathetic one as the man is not
in a position to lose the time and the
money which the confinement repre-
sents. Little has been said about the
case, as it was thought that by keep-
ing quiet it might be possible to ob-
tain the number of the automobile
which struck him, and which was driv-
ing in a most reckless fashion. The
driver of the machine never made any
inquiry or even slowed his pace, and as
all hopes of finding out the name of the
person who was guilty have been given
up, the facts as narrated above were
given to the News by a well known
and respected citizen living in the
vicinity of Fourteenth South on State.

It is a fact that in that vicinity, as
well as on other streets of the city
and county, a few automobilists are
displaying an utter disregard of the
law and of the lives of pedestrians.
The streets of the city and the county
are being raced over with all the
abandonment of the "joy rider." Those
who are doing so undoubtedly belong
to the foolish minority, but as they
are menacing the lives of many people
they should be caught and dealt with
severely if that is the only way to
teach them. Several of them, it is said,
may be seen any evening in the vicin-
ity of Fourteenth South on State, al-
though catching them would be out
of the question unless the officer had
a machine which would go at least 50
miles an hour. The danger is not so
great in daylight. It is at dusk and

later that such excessive speed be-
comes so dangerous, and the danger
is increased by the clouds of dust
which obscure the sight. It is then
dangerous for children and old people
to cross the street. Thus far there has
been but one accident recorded, which
happened last week, when some auto-
moblists of the city cast aside all re-
straint and apparently vied with each
other as they passed Fourteenth South
with wide open throttles. Other and
more serious accidents will undoubtedly
take place on State street before
the summer is over if something is not
done to hold in check the present ex-
cess.

Owing to the fact that the machinos
are in such perfect control there is
a disposition on the part of the citi-
zens to bear with a speed of twenty
or even twenty-five miles an hour, but
when the speed is in excess of forty
miles an hour, and often runs between
that and sixty miles an hour, it is time
the officers were making a few arrests.
These "joy riders" comprise a very
small minority of the automobile own-
ers of the city, and if nothing less
than being arrested and paying a fine
will teach them a little more respect
for the law and give them a little more
thought for the rights of pedestrians,
that course should be taken in the
interests of life and limb.

A trust is known by the companies it
keeps.

Fine feathers, dyed by the milliner,
make fine hats.

When an aeronaut drops into the ocean
he isn't a drop in the bucket.

Count Zeppelin leads a higher life
than the Wright brothers.

If artillery can be parked, why can-
not a railroad be parked?

'Tis the last strawberry of summer
left blooming all alone.

Leon Ling continues in the public eye
yet the police are unable to see him.

No law in state or nation is so well
observed as the statute of limitations.

The farmer's boy does not look for-
ward with pleasure to the hay-day of
life.

The war on the tobacco trust can
never become so famous as the whisky
rebellion.

The nearest approach to getting the
college-bred boy back to the farm is
the country club.

Premier Asquith's real nightmare is
not dread of a German invasion but
dread of a suffragette delegation.

"Has Peary reached the pole?" asks
an exchange. If he has, he has climbed
the topmost round of the ladder of
fame.

Weston the walker says that the Ne-
vada mosquitoes are worse than any
New Jersey brand. Does he malign Ne-
vada or belittle New Jersey?

The end is not yet, but Senator Ald-
rich and Speaker Cannon are mak-
ing tentative selections of members of the
conference committee on the tariff bill.

"Bryan complains that the reporters
give him no peace," says the Chicago
Record-Herald. He would probably
complain more if they gave him no
space.

Abdul Hamid, it is reported, is going
to travel. It may be that he contem-
plates a pedestrian tour, having re-
ceived his walking papers some time
ago.

Did it ever occur to the people who
are talking about signaling to Mars
that the Martians may be signaling to
the people on this planet and the people
of this planet know it not?

The last member of General Fre-
mont's exploring party of 1843 is liv-
ing near Maryville, Mo. It will not
be long before he will journey to that un-
discovered country from whose bourne
no traveler returns.

The Colorado supreme court has
handed down a decision upholding the
Colorado local option law. If a town
goes "dry" and a precinct "wet," the
whole town goes "dry." In other
words, the court holds that the whole
is greater than any part.

Here is Dr. Eliot's reason for omit-
ting the Bible and Shakespeare from
his five-foot shelf library: "The Bible
and Shakespeare were omitted at the
suggestion of the publisher. The reason,
of course, is that most people have read
the Bible and Shakespeare. The list
was originally intended to be a fifty-
book list. Now, any good edition of
Shakespeare would take five volumes.
The Bible would take three volumes,
and there would be eight gone out of
the fifty." Or this explanation it may
be said that it is one that makes mat-
ters worse.

THE NATION'S SMOKE LOSS.

Rarely has the public been confront-
ed with more sensational and startling
figures than those given out by Chief
Engineer Wilson of the Geological
Survey in his address before the Inter-
national Association for the Prevention
of Smoke at Syracuse, N. Y. His rep-
resentation that the damage done by
smoke every year in this country
amounts to more than \$900,000,000 puts
it in the forefront of all sources of
material loss. Rats destroy \$100,000,000
of property annually. Forest fires will
run from \$25,000,000 to \$100,000,000,
and other fires, whose destructive record
can be measured with reasonable ac-
curacy, amount to between \$200,000,000
and \$300,000,000 more; but smoke, black,
poisonous, nauseating, blinding, as-
phyxiating smoke, is a greater foe to
health, comfort and prosperity than all
combined.

It is probable that these figures are
too high. It is difficult to either prove
or disprove them, but the fact that
they are put forth by a responsible of-
ficial of the Government indicates that
the situation is one of extreme gravity,
even if they are heavily discounted.

He bases his equation on the destruc-
tion of merchandise, the defacement of
buildings, the tarnishing of metals, in-
jury to plant life and the greatly in-
creased labor and cost of housekeep-
ing. This does not include the menace
to health that is the worst indictment

that can be brought against the smoke
nuisance. It poisons the lungs and the
tissues, and opens the doors for pneu-
monia, tuberculosis and other insidious
complaints, pulmonary and otherwise.
—Boston Transcript.

BUFFALOES BUCK ON BORDER.

New York Sun.
It gives one almost a patriotic thrill
to learn that most of the buffaloes pur-
chased by the Canadian government for
removal from the Pablo ranch in
Montana have rebelled against ship-
ment over the line and broken away
to their natural habitat in the hills.
The Canadian authorities are mighty
handsome about the mishap, however;
they have decided to give the uncor-
ralled beasts to the United States,
which will be grand news to the Ameri-
can Bison society.

JUST FOR FUN.

"But what does your father see in
me to object to?" "He doesn't see
anything in you, dear. I think that's
the answer." —Cleveland Leader.

Withering Glances.

"I generally read the paper on the
way to and from the office," said the
importantly busy young man.

"Before I got hardened to the looks of
the girl strap-hangers." —Kansas City
Times.

The Reason.

Teacher—I wonder what your mother
would say if she knew how backward
you are in geography.

Girl—Oh, my mother says she never
learnt foggy and she's married, and
Aunt Sally says she never learnt foggy
and she's married; and you did and you
ain't. —Punch.

Morning Exercise.

"Why," said the first athletic boast-
er, "every morning before breakfast I
get a bucket and pull up ninety gal-
lons from the well."

"That's nothing," retorted the other.
"I get a bucket every morning and pull
up the river." —Universalist Leader.

Cheered Him Up.

"Bill," said the invalid's friend, "I've
come to cheer you up a bit like. I've
brought you a few flannels, Bill. I found
in that over a few flannels, Bill. I found
if I was too late they'd come in 'and
for a wear, yer know. Don't get down-
hearted, Bill. Lummy, don't you look
ghostly! But there, keep up yer spirits.
ole sport, I've come to see yer an'
cheer yer up a bit. Nice little room
you 'ave 'ere, but as I sez to myself
when I was a-comin' up, wot 'a orkard
staircase to get a coffin dahn!" —Lon-
don Globe.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Observe anyone looking at the cov-
er of the National Magazine for July,
as it lies on the news-stand, or after
the wrapper has been torn off at
home, and you will see a smile spread
over the face, for the sense of humor
in that cover is very graphically por-
trayed. Those boys depicting them-
selves like mermaids in the water—
plunging, diving, spouting like whales,
with real kiddie obnoxiousness of
eyes—would win a smile from Niobe
herself. That cover is the very spirit
of July, and suggests the rollicking
cheerfulness of every page of the July
National, beginning with a prelude
regarding the Old and New Fourth,
which says a warm tribute to Uncle
Sam's birthday. In the Washington
department is a vivid description of
the closing days of the great tariff
fight, which Joe Chapple's pen pic-
tures in a way that brings that strug-
gle before the eye of the reader.
(There are six snappy, summery
stories, not too severe a tax on the
brain of the reader during the hot
days. Louis Grant enlivens the mag-
azine with his lifelike sketches, which
touch every phase of American life.
There is a description of the "Church
of the Open Door," conducted by
John Wesley Hill, who is one of the
most active workers in New York
City. "How Bluejackets Make
Money" is told in a style as easy and
flowing as the waves on which the
Jackies float. The onward march of
Saratoga is a timely story, in view of
the prominence assumed by that well-
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