

government any money for the property, and yet more than \$1,000,000 had already been paid by the government to the bank for the rent of the property.

The Associated Press in its report on Governor Magoon's testimony says: "One explanation given by Governor Magoon of the interest the United States had in establishing the Panama currency was that the use of American money doubled the price

of everything, as the people wanted as many silver dollars worth 100 cents as they had received pesos worth fifty cents for articles sold. Discussing the necessity for the coinage system and the agreement by which the United States agreed to maintain parity and the associated banks agreed to supply silver to the commission, Governor Magoon said that the new currency became so popular that it was almost immediately absorbed by commerce. Senator Morgan asked if the United States should not establish a sub-treasury on the isthmus to furnish the necessary silver. Governor Magoon replied that that could be done, but that as rapidly as the silver was shipped to the treasury and paid it would disappear and never come back; that the people liked the money because it was stable and it drove out all other circulating mediums. "That is about the most logical free silver plan exploited since Mr. Cleveland" began Senator Morgan. He had meant to say Mr. Bryan, but after a pause he completed his observation as he began, and repeated "since Mr. Cleveland disappeared."

General John Eaton, formerly United States commissioner of education is dead.

A bloody contest is on between the fighting organizations of the revolu-

tionists and the so-called Black Hundreds in Russia. Several bombs have been thrown and a number of lives lost.

The London Statist says that President Roosevelt alone can save the situation in the Alxeciras conference—"just as he alone was able to bring about peace between Russia and Japan."

Reports from Venezuela say that the people there would welcome the overthrow of Castro.

Unrest is noticed among the people of Peru and the government there fears a revolution.

E. H. Harriman has secured valuable concessions for the construction of railroads in Mexico.

O. C. Ellison, one of the founders of the national irrigation congress, died at El Paso, Texas.

Nebraska democrats will participate in a "dollar dinner" at Lincoln on March 6. The speakers will be General J. B. Weaver and Cato Sells of Iowa, Mayor Rose of Milwaukee, John H. Atwood, of Kansas, G. M. Hitchcock, A. C. Shallenbarger, George W. Berge, W. H. Thompson and P. E. McKellog of Nebraska.

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Editorials by Commoner Readers

I. D. Burdick, M. D., Ft. Gibson, I. T.—In the issue of The Commoner of January 5, 1906, on page 5 we find another reference to what is improperly styled Dr. Osler's theory of dotage.

It occurs to the writer that since the press was so eager to publish an extract from Dr. Osler's address it should be just as eager and it should be deemed binding upon it that it should put itself to even greater trouble to correct the erroneous impression which it has seen fit to give such wide publicity, heralding to the four quarters of the earth as literal, what was intended, as any one entering into the spirit of the address should be able to recognize only as burlesque.

It all follows from the eagerness, anxiety or frenzy of the press for startling or sensational news. As long as the press confines its depredations to subjects that it is familiar with in this breezy, windy world the public is capable of putting a pretty fair estimate upon its genuineness, weighing its importance and sifting out the dross to a greater or less degree and ordinarily there is but little harm done. But when it undertakes to pose as critique and offer its interpretation on obscure subjects as treated by professors grounded in medical lore it is out of its domain and is as incapable of giving a proper interpretation of the contents of an address as the individual who would assay to discuss astronomy by glimpses of the stars.

Dr. Osler was addressing an assemblage of cultured people schooled in the medical science and who were capable of weighing the intent of each thought or suggestion advanced and giving to each its proper import.

With such an audience he did not hesitate to relieve the monotony of what at best—in ordinary hands—is a dry subject by injecting into it a pleasantry, little realizing that it would be so shattered and torn from its connections as to be made to appear different from what he had intended. Had he entertained any other belief, he, doubtless, would have abandoned any effort at overcoming the prosy side of his subject by levity or he would have put himself to the trouble, for the benefit of those who were incapable of "taking in" the gist of the subject matter by diagraming

the joke. But the press reporter was there and he was there for news and that much of the valedictory address he could "take in." He could understand chloroforming and its association with old age and that made an excellent news item for the morning paper—thrilling and startling.

We are indebted to Dr. Osler for his scientific and very able analysis of the different stages and periods of usefulness of life as given from his view point. And those who have passed, or are passing, the meridian or high-tide of life—which includes the writer—recognizes the force and accuracy of his remarks. Our mental energy and perspicuity essentially depends upon the gray matter of the brain, and this is not independent of but a part of the body. That may be just as receptive, clear and lucid as it ever was, but when the body is wanting in vigor or vital energy, the intellect is short in the element of force to crowd these ideas into successful execution. There are exceptions to all rules but ordinarily speaking the body is an exponent of the brain, and of course, the converse is true.

Often we see minds whose mental energy far surpasses their vital powers but their sphere of usefulness is necessarily circumscribed by the death of vitality. A case in point, without seeming to be personal, is the editor of The Commoner (but he's in China) The public is quite as much indebted to Mr. Bryan's immense physique and recuperative powers as to his mental endowments and scholarly attainments; for had he not the constitution of a battleship he could not span continents and make rear-platform speeches—many in a day—from speeding coaches. Then his forensic ability would be shorn of a vast amount of its usefulness. But should he be so fortunate as to survive the age of sixty and the country to have him in lieu of making flying speeches and receiving committees on improvised platforms it will be on his spacious and commodious verandas.

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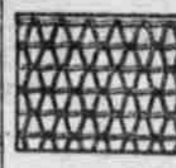
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