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Some person mathematically inclined has been trying the figures on the proposed Rockefeller philanthropy "foundation" and finds that in 1979 the fund will have reached thirty-nine billion dollars, or equal to all of the present national debts in the world.

In striking contrast to grasshopper and drought years, when activities at "farm moving time" were similarly conspicuous, are conditions these palmy days in Nebraska. The March moving period this year has been unusually lively along with the farm real estate transactions, which set an unprecedented high water mark in volume.

Gossip among the personal friends of President Roosevelt in New York has it that he is by no means a rich man. He is supposed to have spent his entire salary while in the white house, and has nothing left but his personal fortune, which yields about \$8,000 a year.

If old Joe Cannon is dishonest, or unfair, why did not the members of the house of representatives turn him out last week? They had the power to take him off the committee on rules, and did it, but they permitted him to remain as speaker.

speaker. If the speaker is the man the democrats and insurgents say he is, it is disgraceful that he was not removed, when opportunity offered.

THE COST OF CRIME.

Hugh C. Weir in "The World Today," calls attention to the fact that the United States is the worst crime-ridden country on the face of the globe. He says: "Ten thousand persons are murdered in this country every year—shot, strangled, poisoned, stabbed or beaten with a club or a sand bag."

A CYCLONE OF DEFAMATION. This country has just passed through a cyclone of defamation, vituperation, exposure—much of it indecent. We have been in a state of panic through the policy of burning our barns to kill the mice.

Now suppose you raise a cry of "Stop thief," and turn the powerful resources of the government to harassing enterprise with the endeavor to confiscate its property, take away its character, destroy its good will, does it not stand to reason that we thus kill ambition, destroy initiative, smother aspiration, and get a condition where expansion ceases, orders are cancelled, men are laid off, and the whole land suffers?

Nothing is more silly and absurd than the idea that the men who have built up the great modern American fortunes are intent on ease and luxury. As a class they are men of ostentatious habits; simple, rapid and direct in their dealings.

of \$735,000,000. The production of coal for this same period was \$350,000,000. Two sets of figures—two widely varying harvests of the soil. Together they will pass the billion dollar mark by a margin of eighty-five millions.

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trying to inspire class hatred by picturing the great business builder as a parasite, living on the labor of the proletariat, is an insult to the intelligence of the age. Should our government begin to confiscate private property in the name of the law, that instant will enterprise grow old, and senility predate the past, but this is not to be.

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ANOTHER REFORMER CAUGHT.

Herkimer, New York, dispatch:—Following a confession that he had ruined Miss Abby Haynes, one of the most popular and attractive young women in his congregation, the Rev. S. Robinson, pastor of the First Methodist church of this village, has been suspended by the church board.

The story of his downfall has been a great shock to the residents of this place, where both the pastor and his unhappy victim have heretofore been held in highest esteem.

It was an anonymous letter that first warned Mr. Haynes, father of the girl, that all was not well. While the letter has not been directly traced, it is generally believed that it came from some one connected with the liquor interests.

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A POOR JUMP.

It Came Near Being the Death of Isabeau, the Painter. Napoleon Bonaparte, as is well known, was in the habit of walking with his arms crossed upon his chest and his head slightly bent forward.

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BLAKE'S VISIONS.

The Curious Hallucinations of the Post-Painter. William Blake, the contemporary of Charles Lamb, was a man of visions. Blake dined with prophets and held converse with archangels.

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