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COST OF HOSPITAL DIET. The three main charges against the management of the General Public Hospital were lack of discipline, uncleanliness and complaints of improper food.

WHO PROFITS BY THE STRIKE? The existence of an organization which can demonstrate the allegiance of 145,000 workers is probably the most important matter that commands the attention of the ordinary critic of the American coal strike.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE. The investigation of the affairs of the General Public Hospital has about concluded, and has undoubtedly revealed many features in the system and management of the institution which are undesirable and even obnoxious in a home for the sick.

The Telegraph for a public and thorough inquiry into this institution, and while it is too early to weigh fully the benefits resulting from such an inquiry, undoubtedly many wrongs will be righted and much suffering prevented for the future.

A POSSIBLE INDUSTRY. Perhaps it is somewhat of a surprise to the old shipbuilders of New Brunswick that after a lapse of nearly twenty years since the abandonment of the wooden vessel-building industry in this province, the threat of its extinction is now being discussed.

INSURANCE PAYMENTS. Very interesting statistics in regard to life insurance payments during 1901 are presented by the New York Insurance Press in a compilation just issued.

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HE WANTED TO BE MARRIED. Tried Desperate Scheme to Get Money, But Landed in Jail. GUTHRIE, Ok., May 21.—In order that he might have sufficient money to marry the girl he loved, Willard S. Lillibridge, 23 years old, a resident of Oklawaha (Kan.), who charged, attempted to wreck the Santa Fe train on the eastern Oklahoma line near Perkins. He is now in jail here. He is accused of setting fire to two bridges over the Cimarron river, and then of writing to the railroad company that if \$10,000 was dropped from the Santa Fe rails no further disaster would result to the road from him. He was engaged to marry Miss Ella Gentry, of Bartlesville (I. T.). He confessed today that she had postponed the wedding until he would have enough money to begin housekeeping. He was poor and had no work, so he determined upon the plan of compelling the railroad company to give him money. In Velvet Valleys. Out in velvet valleys, and a daisy in the dew saying and singing all the sweetest things to you. No flower beneath your feet. But hears the world's heart beat. And life is love and music, and the breath of it is sweet! Out in velvet valleys, in shadows wild with vines— The ripple of the river—the preaching of the lilies! The roses leeward nod. And the lilies are the stars of the litanies of God! Out in velvet valleys, and earth, framed round with sky. Is all too close for weeping—for the shadow of a sigh. God's love and hill and stream. In rose-rimmed storm and gleam. Love lifts the cloud-bright curtains and heaven smiles in dream. Frank L. Stanton.