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WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN PRACTICE.

THE QUESTION of the justice of giving the ballot to women is one thing and the question of how it works in actual operation is quite another thing.

There is no such thing as a woman's party and a man's party even when a moral question is involved.

It is claimed for it that it has the effect of making nominating conventions more careful in the selection of their candidates but this is certain that the standard of office-holders is no higher in the equal suffrage states than it is elsewhere.

However, as we have said, the justice of the claim of woman suffrage is altogether apart from a consideration of how it works in practical operation.

WHILE WE HURRAH THE MOSS GROWS.

THERE WILL BE a railroad to Coos Bay before very long. It will come, apparently, from the south.

Connection will be made with south and central Oregon; there will be a big belt line of railroads scooping everything south of Eugene, Tygh valley and Ukiah out of Portland's commercial jurisdiction.

Not only so, but the whole coast trade up to Tillamook will be taken south, even as most of it is now, only that trade will increase tenfold in perhaps ten or fifteen years.

Such is the prospect, while we sit and dream of greatness, allow railroad corporations to run the general and state governments, submit to their dictation and domination, and pay most of our attention to the arduous work of "rolling up" a tremendous majority for this or that party or politician.

While we are busy hurrahing the mosses keep growing, without making a particle of noise.

NOT MATERIAL WHICH MASTER.

THOMAS W. LAWSON, and recently, in the estimation of the Oregonian, a "yellow" shrieker in a "yellow" magazine, is now lauded as a very truthful and conscientious man because he intimates that the Standard Oil company desires Roosevelt's defeat.

From the Wall Street Journal. Dr. Swallow—strange name for a prohibition candidate—is conducting a campaign for president, on the proposition that the traffic in all intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited.

and industry that is going on, it would be impossible for the government to entirely please them all, and possibly the president is inclined to lean to his great and good friends Morgan and Vanderbilt, rather than to Rockefeller and Rogers, but as to this the public is in the dark; and indeed it is unimportant.

What is badly needed in an administration in the people's interest rather than in that of either Rockefeller or Morgan, and the men of whom they are the leading types.

VACCINATING IMPOVERISHED SOIL.

VACCINATION OF THE SOIL may be a strange term and idea to most people, but it expresses a process that has been invented by Dr. George T. Moore of the department of agriculture, and that promises to do wonders for impoverished soil.

Heretofore such soils have been enriched and made to some extent productive by expensive fertilizers applied to the surface; but by the new process it is proposed to supply such soils with nitrogen from the atmosphere at a merely nominal cost.

German scientists have discovered that the nodules on the roots of leguminous plants, such as beans, peas, clover and alfalfa, were really colonies of millions of bacteria, which subsisted on nitrogen.

Now Dr. Moore, it is claimed, following up the German scientists' discovery, has devised a way to grow these bacteria by thousands of millions, and keep them in a dried state, in little cakes, for farmers' use when needed on impoverished soils.

EXTREME PARTYISM NOT WISE.

THE JOURNAL has no quarrel with men who will vote for Roosevelt, if the reasons for doing so appear to them sound and sufficient.

But because a man may consider the Republican party and its candidate the best entitled of any to his vote is no good reason for him to blink at the evils and abuses existing in the government, or to assert or suppose that his choice, either party or candidate, is entirely invulnerable and absolutely perfect, and that conditions in every respect are impossible of improvement.

In brief, the intelligent voter, even if entertaining no doubt about voting for Roosevelt, will qualify this approval, or choice, with the wish for improvement; for more patriotism and less partyism, more statesmanship and less politics, more truth and less claptrap, more practice and less profession, more honesty and less humbug, more performance in the people's interests and less boasting and buncombe.

It is this class of voters, those not carried to extremes by partisan prejudice, and who investigate and think, and reason, and recognize the errors and fallacies and delusions of even the party they prefer, who must serve as the balance wheel in our political machinery and the ultimate hope of the republic itself.

THE YOUTEFUL ARTIST.

Young artists and the parents of youthful prodigies will be interested in Mr. C. D. Gibson's brief and direct advice in Collier's. Mr. Gibson says: "Beginners are worried needlessly over the quality of paper and ink to be used.

It is only necessary that one should be white and the other black. "For some reason all beginners draw very much alike. Those who work the hardest are the first to get away from this sameness.

Small Change

The poolroom question runs into politics. Business will never become dull in the courts.

Some criminal lawyers need a sitting-down-on. The canal will smell loudly before it is begun.

Missouri is about as doubtful as Massachusetts. The state of Washington is doubtful as to governor.

What does the president think of an ally like Addicks? Every recurring Sunday should see a more beautiful city.

It would take a still higher tariff to make finer October weather. Mr. Cortelyou predicts heavy Republican gains in Oyster Bay this year.

The high-tax and trust party banks on the fact that the farmers can afford to pay. But who cares for bright skies and bracing air in comparison with mud for football fields?

Councilman Zimmerman wants 200 policemen, and his sort of a wide-open town will need them.

Violations of law by some saloon men will prompt many people who would not do otherwise to vote for prohibition.

Soil and climate alone will not make good orchards. They need constant attention and warfare against pests. Then they pay.

The tobacco manufacturers have reorganized a \$150,000,000 trust, and users of the weed may expect soon to get about 2 cents' worth for a dime.

The Salem Statesman thinks that Roosevelt's re-election will result in a Wall-street boom and the building of more railroads. That's as the Standard Oil decides.

"The resources of the law have been exhausted by the administration in pursuing the trusts," declares the trust organ of this city. What a whopper!

There is a probability that the next senator from New York will represent the Rockefeller interests rather than the Vanderbilt-Morgan interests which "Uncle" Chauncey Depew represents.

Most of the soil in this part of the country is in little, if any, need of this vaccinating process, but it will be a boon to New England and other portions of the country.

It is a fraud order was issued yesterday by Acting Postmaster-General R. J. Wynne against the Thomas A. Edison Electric Company, which has been doing business from headquarters at No. 14-16 Stone street, this city.

The company was charged with obtaining money through the mails by fraudulent pretenses, in representing as a cure-all "The Magno-Electric Vitalizer," an alleged invention of Thomas A. Edison Jr.

The order of the postoffice department came as the result of a fight made by the young man, who claimed that the company was making capital out of the similarity of the names of father and son.

The elder Edison began his fight last September in the federal courts, seeking to prevent the use of the name "Thomas A. Edison Jr.," and claiming that the device sold by the company was fraudulent.

The company won the case before Judge Bradford of the United States district court at Wilmington, Del., whereupon Mr. Edison took the matter to the postoffice department at Washington, filing an affidavit in part as follows:

"The Thomas A. Edison Jr. Chemical company is and has been engaged in an illegitimate, fraudulent and deceptive scheme for imposing upon the credulous public, and particularly upon persons incapacitated and made desperate by disease."

"My son, who is named in the company's literature as a great inventor and medical authority and in personal charge of the regulation of the vitalizer to the needs of individual cases, is a young man of no scientific or inventive attainments. He never represented himself as such. All the statements attributed to him in the alleged interviews and in the publications of the company are false. He has no interest in the company and never was directly connected with its operations."

"The boy was gotten hold of solely for the use of his name. In the way of remuneration he never received more than \$25 a week."

"He did suggest to the company on one occasion the advisability of marketing an electric medical battery, but it was not the vitalizer. My son is incapable of making any invention or discovery of merit."

"Before 1896 he was employed in a clerical capacity in my office. He has had no regular employment since, but has supported himself by the sale of his name to a number of persons who have sought to trade on my reputation."

W. Newton Bennington, the president of the Thomas A. Edison Jr. Chemical company, professed to be much surprised at the decision of the department, and he said he was not yet prepared to say what the company would do. He laid great stress on the fact that the company had never made a dollar and that he supported himself by the sale of his name to a number of persons who have sought to trade on my reputation."

The basis of the department's fraud order against the company was the extravagant character of the claims in the advertising matter of the concern. The vitalizer was recommended by the company in one of the files that is held to. One of the company's publications, written by George W. Arnold, had these headlines over an article describing the alleged virtues of the vitalizer:

"Japan Wants Vitalizers for Troops in Field; Edison Jr.'s New Invention a Masterpiece; Eldest Son of the Wizard Wins Admirable of Scientists with His Wonderful 'Dynamite Energizer' Electrical, Magnetic, Volatile and Variable Currents for the First Time Combined; Public Meeting to Discuss the Edison Vitalizer; Young Inventor Receives Enthusiastic Ovation When He Concludes to Travel to the Electrical Society of New York the Truth of His Theory of Disease."

Young Edison is now a nervous wreck and under a physician's care at Greenwood Lake. After a confession to his father he was restored to parental favor.

SOCIALISM A NATURAL EFFECT

From the Catholic Missionary.

Socialism is one of the forms of organized social discontent. An such it must be classed with unionism, single tax, populism, Catholic and general reform activity, municipal leagues, etc.

Let us go to the Socialists and find out sympathetically what their feelings, their intentions. Let us face the evils which they rightly criticize and make war on them. But let us never confine ourselves to resolutions or condemnations of Socialism in its entirety.

Of course I do not underrate the force of the Socialistic propaganda, nor do I forget that men may be talked into it. In as far as this is the case, there is some good in resolutions, honest opposition and enlightened warning.

It must be looked upon as an effect, men are not Socialists until they lose confidence in government. Do the facts of political corruption—which none of us deny—merit universal condemnation? Men are not Socialists until they believe that honest, humane competition in industry is impossible.

Men are not Socialists until they believe that the interests of wealth displace those of men as men in our institutions. Can we deny that appearances seem to show that wealth is too powerful?

When these facts of political corruption are marshaled; when by their side we place the facts and dishonest business methods universally met with when we review the role of money in our institutions, we have before us a set of facts appalling in their magnitude and disheartening in their significance.

We conservatives think always of what our institutions have done; many think always of what our institutions have failed to do. From among these directors and statesmen, who are heaped upon us, we find a few who are not only not Socialists, but who are not even Socialists in their own hearts.

"BETTER FOR RUSSIA TO LOSE"

Karl Hiland in North American Review. Were Nicholas II in reality that which misguided flatterers have described him to be on account of his peace-loving propensities at the Hague—propensities he himself utterly disregards—he would have plenty of good work to do in his own dominions.

There can be no doubt that the action of the Japanese and the Russian personal bravery, as well as to the high standard of intellectual culture prevalent among the people at large. Japan has a population of only 45,000,000; the Russian empire more than 140,000,000.

What a field for bettering the state of popular instruction in the empire of the young man who posed as a friend of peace and progress! But as a matter of fact, the rule of brute force goes on under him with unabated cruelty.

At the recent international congress in Amsterdam the strongest imaginable demonstration was made by a Russian representative. Among the delegates from the various nations, the Russian representative, who has incisively written against the anarchist theory, which is often erroneously mixed up with the Socialist doctrine, was a Japanese, Katsujama; of Russians there appeared Plechanoff, who has incisively written against the anarchist theory, which is often erroneously mixed up with the Socialist doctrine.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON'S COURTESY. The story of how "Uncle Joe" Cannon got his wife is full of interest. He was a field, Ohio, the seat of Mahoning academy, Molly Reed, who later became the wife of Speaker Cannon, was a school girl.

That section produced some strong men and women. Yankeeism, as it was called, the center and heart of western abolitionism, the route of the underground railroad. In the days of the revolution the British burned the towns, villages and homes of the people, and when the states ceded to the general government their lands, Connecticut reserved this tract to reimburse its people for their fire losses.

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In the early 60's, while stirring events were being enacted, Molly Reed was a school girl in Mahoning academy. She was a bright, rosy-cheeked, cherry-lipped and happy girl. She had many admirers.

up in consciousness, and these men live in the presence of that despair beguiling power. You may say that Socialists are lazy, or idle, or indolent, or vicious. I care not. I wish to insist mainly on one point; that Socialism is an effect, natural, necessary, unavoidable in present historical circumstances.

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own intimate acquaintances, brutally flogged and otherwise subjected to great cruelties. Juries being in existence at that time for such cases—they have since been abolished—Vera Sasulovitch was taken to the court for judgment, declared "not guilty," and managed with the help of friends to escape across the frontier of the Russian empire.

The speaker continued by saying that the autocratic czars, by their acts of oppression, had enslaved a mass of nations all around the boundaries of the Russian empire. The Northern Pacific comes north on the roots in the soil, but also on the surface; and another man there has four stalks of corn with well developed ears on their ends instead of the sides.

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From the Minneapolis Tribune. The secret of the success of the Great Northern railway in earning dividends for its stockholders may be read in every report of gross and net earnings. It has become an old story to students of railway operation, but the public generally is not aware of the fact that the statement just published recalls the matter to mind. The gross earnings for the entire system were \$41,000,000; the net earnings were \$20,000,000. That is, the Great Northern railway, with its 10,000 stockholders nearly half the money it earned last year.

The contrast between this and the reports of other great railway systems is striking. The Northern Pacific comes nearest with \$23,000,000 saved out of \$44,000,000. The Union Pacific comes next with \$22,000,000 out of \$51,000,000. In five other great railroads chosen haphazard for comparison, Central, Pennsylvania, Illinois Central, Milwaukee and Northwestern, the net earnings run from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the gross.

There are some qualifications proper to be made. The older eastern railroads charge a considerable percentage of their net earnings to operating expenses. Then those that are holding companies for other railroads get a large part of their income outside of earnings. But still a large proportion of the difference remains to be charged to the prudent economy in operation by which waste of power, labor and material is prevented and operating expenses kept down.

There is no doubt that the severe discipline and irritating red tape through which these economies are brought about is one of the causes of the unpopularity of the Great Northern railroads along their own lines. But we do not remember to have heard that it is unpopular with stock owners.

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Oregon Sidelights

School enrollment at Grants Falls. Independence is to have a new three-story brick. That proposed army post is not heard of any more. Pilot Rock will have a new school-house by January 1.

The business of the Jefferson creamery is rapidly increasing. Last Monday 4,300 salmon were brought in from the Alsea. Their winter white caps are being placed on the higher Oregon hills. Jefferson's sawmill has been remodeled and its capacity much increased.

The first snowfall of the predicted hard winter has made its appearance in the Blue mountains. That 30-year sentence of Holdupper Sullivan looks bad to others of his ilk, but good to honest men. One pair of a lot prepared by Mrs. William Galloway of McMinnville for exhibition weighed 34 1/2 ounces.

Many Willamette hopgrowers are increasing the size of their crops. If defeated he will enjoy killing something wild—and so he will if elected. A Linn county man has come to Portland to see the United States market. He is looking for some calves mistaken by Albany barbers for deer.

A scow is anchored in the Columbia neck, which is to be recovered. It is a scow of 100 tons, which is attached four water wheels, by which Dr. Griswold of Helix will irrigate 180 acres of land. An action has been brought against Independence by a party to recover \$400, twice the amount alleged to have been lost by plaintiff playing twenty-one.

The Corvallis sawmill is very busy, running night and day and employing 60 men and five teams. Much of the product is for use in that city and vicinity. The Tillamook Herald predicts that prohibition will carry there, and says that open gambling that has been allowed will induce many to vote for prohibition, so as to get rid of gambling.

According to the John Day News, one of the best marble quarries in the United States is located near that place. It is of the blue mottled variety, and the owner has been using it for lime, which he sold for building purposes. Vegetable life thrives so lustily in Oregon that strange growths are occasionally found. A Roseburg man has a potato vine with tubers growing, not only on the roots in the soil, but also on the surface; and another man there has four stalks of corn with well developed ears on their ends instead of the sides.

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