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GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL.

New light is thrown upon the electoral muddle into which a number of states have been thrown by the formation of a third party, by the convincing arguments presented by Jas. Schouler, author of Schouler's "History of the United States," in a late number of the Independent.

Mr. Schouler cites the two occasions which might be considered as precedents, to be the re-election of Monroe in 1820 and the Hayes-Tilden controversy in 1876.

Of Monroe's re-election, Mr. Schouler cites the fact that the electors wished to give him a unanimous choice, but one New Hampshire delegate refused to acquiesce and cast his ballot for John Quincy Adams. At that time, however, there were no national parties to contend, so this cannot logically be said to establish a precedent which can be followed today.

At the election contests over Hayes and Tilden, Mr. Schouler points out that, while the popular expression pointed to a national triumph for Tilden and the Democratic party, their Republican foes laid claim to the electoral vote of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, which would have given Hayes an electoral majority of one. To counteract this, the Democrats claimed Oregon, where a Democratic governor tried to keep the state's three votes from going to Hayes.

A single one of these electoral votes would have elected Tilden, if accepted at Washington upon the electoral count. But it was not so decided, and the three votes went to Hayes. Commenting on this, Mr. Schouler says: "From this I infer that, under normal state conditions, the undisputed preference shown by the people at the polls in November will guide congress in an electoral count, even though the electors chosen should seek with their own ballots to change the final outcome."

Of the present outcome, Mr. Schouler says:

"We veteran voters who went through the storm and stress of the Hayes-Tilden controversy have little fear that a new strain to our popular present contest. Much of this system of government awaits us in voting entanglement in certain states may be solved before the popular vote is cast in November. The result of that popular vote, the union though, will be known, footed up and accepted at large long before the electoral colleges meet. Of the recognized candidates, Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson, one may win an electoral majority too great for falsely disposed electors to overturn; or, on the other hand, none of the three may gain an electoral

majority, so that the choice will rest inevitably in the house of representatives. Finally, and under all circumstances, as we must bear in mind, the official count and announcement of results belong to congress and not to any state."

Public opinion today is surely stronger than it was in 1876, so it should be accepted as true that the good sense of the majority will prevail.

NEW CANCER THEORY.

Among the many theories advanced for the origin of cancers none is, at first thought, stranger than the one recently put forward by Mr. C. E. Green of London.

This is that cancer is, to a great extent, a coal smoke produced disease. And, in defense of the theory, he has made a careful study of mortality statistics in England and Scotland.

High cancer mortality rates seem greatest in deep valleys with wooded sides and with houses in the hollows. Low flat plains on the other hand, had very low death rates. Further investigations showed Mr. Green that almost all the houses where cancer patients had lived had appliances on the chimneys to increase the draught and that these were invariably smoky. From these facts, Mr. Green has deduced the following:

"All towns standing in a cupped location and surrounded by high hills had high cancer death rates, while those located on the low flat plains had a low mortality. Similarly, that houses built against hills or a forest of high trees, or next a building with a much higher roof than its own, will have chimneys which almost invariably draw badly. This is because of the downward pressure on the low-lying chimney when a breeze is blowing from over the adjoining higher roof, tree tops or hills."

He also instances the fact that in tropical countries where there are no chimneys, and there is no coal used cancer is almost unknown. In Greenland and other cold countries, where cancer used to be unknown, the scourge has made its appearance in recent years with the introduction of hard coal for heating purposes.

Chimney sweeps are said to have the highest mortality record of any trade 13 out of every 100 falling victims to it, and its prevalence among workers in coal tar is becoming so great that special regulations have been made for that trade by the British home office.

It is, at least, an ingenious theory.

Secretary McVeagh would make bank notes smaller so they will be easier to carry but most folks could carry a lot more of them than they have right now.

The report that senator La Follette is going to organize a new party and call it the muskox party proved to be a false scent.

While sympathizing with the suffragists we may at least be thankful that Ohio will not insist upon naming a female president, too.

A woman at Niagara Falls has 28 children. Honeymooners, who travel there, will please take notice.

Senator Smith says he wouldn't allow anyone to tear a brick out of the tariff wall. Maybe he is afraid someone will shy it at him.

The oyster has been tabooed at Zion City. Must be they do not expect to hold any church socials next winter.

A New York physician has found an excuse for the appendix. Other physicians have found in it pretext for comfortable incomes.

The man who invented a method of perfuming jewelry would have served the world better had he devised a means of deodorizing onions.

Buttermilk is twelve cents per quart in Warren, Pa. More expensive than beer. But it is much cheaper to keep a cow than to operate a brewery.

A COMMUNICATION.

La Grande, Sept. 11.—(Editor Evening Observer)—In defense of the mothers of the young folks who attend the dances at Honan hall I would say that you have been misinformed as to improper dances "prevailing" at those dances.

There are always a number of the mothers present at these dances and the utmost propriety is observed. At one dance a few of the youngsters in a spirit of innocent fun, started to "rag" as it is called but were soon suppressed and nothing of the kind has occurred since.

These dances are looked after by full mothers in the city and no one some of the most prominent and careful has ever seen a "continuous round of disgusting ragging," as described in your article.

A. MOTHER.

CONTRIBUTION A THEME

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manager of the show, and has started active preparations for the event. Mr. Sampson has attained marked success as a business man and is thoroughly conversant with the Northwest apple industry.

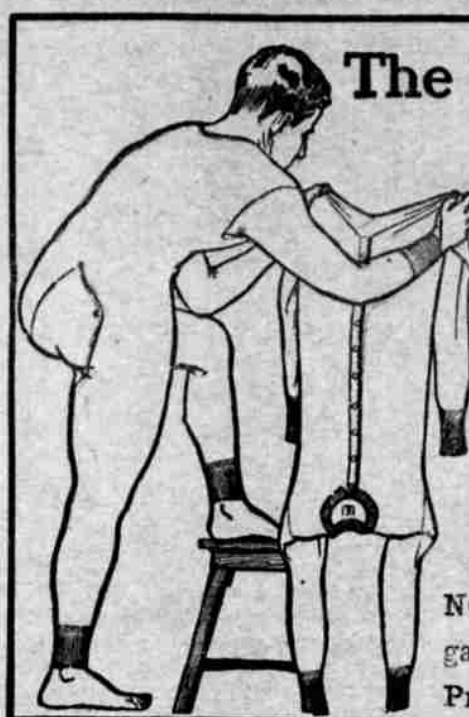
Leading business men of Spokane have rallied substantially to the cause of the apple show, and during the last few days have pledged an additional \$8,000, thus insuring a \$42,000 show for this fall. The following individuals and firms have been active in the work of the last few days:

D. C. Corbin, president of the Spokane International railway; Jay P. Graves, former president of the Spokane & Inland; B. W. Tweny, president Old National bank; A. F. McClaine, president Traders' National bank; Thomas H. Brewer, president Fidelity National bank; R. B. Paterson, president Spokane Dry Goods Co.; Mose Oppenheimer, Arthur D. Jones, Fred B. Grinnell, W. H. Cowles, J. D. Sherwood, W. S. Norman, Harry A. Flood, president Trustee company; A. N. Cantrill, manager Spokane Gas Co.; R. R. Rogers of the Vermont Loan and Trust Co.; F. M. March, president National Bank of Commerce; John W. Graham, Ellers' Piano House; L. M. Davenport, Jones & Dillingham, Edwin N. Robinson, president Area H. Orchards company; Kelley-Clarke Co. F. J. Flucane, vice president Holley-Mason company; M. D. Hall, vice president Grote-Rankin company; J. C. Barline, president Washington Mill company; Percy P. Powell of Powell-Sanders, M. B. Connelly, Albert Hed and David Brown.

Educationally, the apple show this year will be made exceedingly effective and beneficial. Over and above the advantages the growers will receive from personal contact with other growers who are successful, no pains will be spared to bring expert and practical knowledge to their notice. All that has been accomplished in the perfection of spraying apparatus, and, in fact, all kinds of orchard machinery will be there for display and demonstration.

Going still farther into the field of education, it is the plan of the trustees to show how much greater returns can be had by the utilization of orchard by-products. They would like to have an evaporator on display, a jelly plant, a cider plant and any other things which make use of the by-products. And the amusement features also will not be lost sight of in the general plan of making the apple show more useful.

Still greater efforts will be directed this year toward securing attractive displays of apples. Nothing will be



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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Martha E. Day has been appointed by the county court of Union county, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Foster A. Day, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased Foster A. Day are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof to the administratrix at her home at No. 808 Pennsylvania avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Dated September 20, 1912.

MARTHA E. DAY,
Administratrix of the Estate of
Foster A. Day, Deceased.
daily Sept 20-27 Oct 4-1-13

Notice to Trespassers.

Hot Lake.—The undersigned hereby positively prohibit any and all persons hunting or shooting on the property known as the Hot Lake marshes or the Grandview Farming company's lands. These fields and pastures are the topography of the lands is such that this stock will surely be killed or injured if shooting is permitted. For this reason we are compelled to deny all requests for permits.

8-29-301

(Signed) W. M. PIERCE.
W. G. SAWYER.

Notice to Scouts.

Friday night at 7:30 all three troops of the Boy Scouts of La Grande will meet at troop 2 headquarters for their general monthly meeting. A special program is being arranged for this date. All Scouts are requested to be present and to bring their boy friends and parents with them. If you are interested in this organization you will be welcome at the Baptist church Friday evening.

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