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THE BLUE SKY LAW.

Oregon will vote, along with many other measures this year, on a Blue Sky law patterned somewhat after the law in other states to prevent grafting, fake stock schemes. The spirit of the law is all right. In fact the law would be all right if it did not provide for a bunch of additional office holders. This law should place this department of the state in the banking and insurance departments, for they are the places equipped to pass upon and handle the business of running down worthless companies. Instead of that, as we read the measure, it creates some new offices. Now, new offices should not be popular in Oregon judging from the excessive taxes the people are now paying. Yet we need just what the blue sky law provides for in the way of protecting investors. It is another case of where the framers of such a law bungled by the apparent desire to create jobs for friends. For the fact that the proposed law creates new jobs will cause thousands of voters to vote against it. And these same voters really want the blue sky law, but they want its execution placed in the insurance and banking departments, either of which is already equipped with help which would be of little expense to the state.

BRAINS AND SOIL.

Among the occasional good things that Elbert Hubbard says is his declaration that it takes brains to be a farmer. In discussing this subject he says:

There is no space left on earth for the ignorant farmer. We must mix brains with our soil, or the people on earth cannot be fed.

There is a reason for high cost of living, and it scarcely needs a long session of a wise committee to find what it is. We are not producing enough food to supply the demand.

We have said that anybody could work on the farm. The fact is that few, very few people can cause a field to laugh a harvest. The greatest wisdom is required.

A successful farmer must be a practical scientist. He must know the soil and the laws that govern it. He must know the seeds, plants, their habitat and their development. He must know climates and temperatures. He must know how to take advantage

Fortunes in Faces.

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of the forces of nature. He must know how to replace man-brawn by machine-brawn. He must teach men to use brain, and let steam and horse toil. The farmer today must be an economist of time, strength—all expenditures. He must know the tide in the affairs of farming which leads to fortune.

This is not an age when guessing has a standing in any business. The time is long past when a schoolteacher can explain "B. C." as meaning "about correct," nor state as a scientific fact anything, and place B. C. after it.

It is brains that the farm needs. It has always needed them. But now it is an imperative demand.

No longer can the farmer guess at the wisdom of planting this crop here and that crop there. He must know. He must know whether or not it pays him to raise chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle, corn, potatoes, wheat. He must guess no more. Otherwise he will be driven from his farm by the man who knows.

Hereafter, no man can live his life on a mortgaged farm and make just money enough to pay the interest and a bare living.

Because conditions have changed, the necessity of the time demands that all tillable land shall be tilled according to the dictation of the best intelligence of brain and experience. Every weed and every poor crop are posted signs saying, "Wanted, here and at once, intelligence applied to land."

WARRING ON WHITE SLAVERY.

One million dollars would suppress white slavery in this country in one year. An annual appropriation of \$250,000 would keep it suppressed. These statements are made by Stanley W. Finch, head of the federal bureau organized under the law of June 25, 1910, to wipe out the traffic in girls.

The million would be well spent. Not only the present generation, but posterity would draw interest on the investment. With white slavery put out of business a heavy blow would be dealt to the social evil, its shame and its diseases. This cancerous growth of our twentieth century civilization flourishes on the traffic in women's bodies. With the source of supply for dens and evil resorts cut off the social evil not only could withstand the more and more determined assaults which society is making upon it.

At one time it was said, and accepted by the great majority as true, that the trade in immorality was inevitable. Students pointed to the memorial nature of this "oldest profession" and said that what the

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world had tolerated for centuries must be endured for all time to come. We are realizing that this is not true. The same attitude was taken toward slavery by many respectable people, who while they did not approve of it, yet considered it was too deep rooted to be stamped out. Slavery likewise had centuries and centuries of tradition back of it.

DOING THE WORLD'S WORK.

Commenting on the announcement from London that a biography of Lloyd George, the great British tax reformer, is to be issued soon the New York Evening Post says that it seems foolish to publish the biography of a statesman who is only forty-nine years old.

"A biography used to be regarded as the crown, posthumously awarded, to a distinguished career, a tribute to a great man gone past recall, and a record of his deeds for the benefit of succeeding generations," remarks the Post. "But the modern world is too impatient to wait. It is even too impatient to wait till it is quite sure that a man in the popular eye really deserves a biography at all.

In the great number of biographies of living persons which are being put on the literary market is reflected the intense interest which the public today takes in the men and women who are doing the world's work. It is true that it cannot wait. It is willing to take the risk of a snap judgment to secure information of one who, for the time at least, looms big in public affairs.

The great number of personal sketches published in newspapers and in current magazines is an indication of this trend. Every week and every month carry through the mails to thousands of subscribers snapshots of the character of this or that man or woman. Many have only a local fame, but are doing in a small field a work that has an element of national interest. Others are really national characters. Still others have achieved a merely ephemeral reputation in connection with a noteworthy occurrence. Yet the fact remains that readers all over the country are interested in this form of current biography, which in miniature is what a book is in a larger way.

It is a wholesome tendency. We do not wait until men are dead to pay them honor. We do not wait till the undertaker has performed his office before finding out what they meant to the world, before attempting to understand the message they are trying to deliver.

Now that Princess Gagarine of Russia has announced the sage discovery that hurrying makes American women thin the streets will no doubt be full of corpulent ladies making such time as their embonpoint permits.

More than five billion bushels of lean farmers this year. They didn't do it by sitting in the shade talking politics.

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journalism and for several years was employed as an editor on Chicago newspapers. In 1895 he entered the diplomatic service as United States consul at Athens, Greece. Later he was promoted to the position of consul-general at Athens, and in 1910 he was transferred to Saloniki, Turkey. A year ago he was appointed consul-general at Smyrna. In addition to his writings Mr. Horton has lectured extensively in America on the subjects of Greek archaeology and history.

Jan Robertson, brother of Forbes Robertson, will go on tour with "The Passing of the Third Floor Back."

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