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VINDICATION FOR WILEY.

It will be a splendid triumph over the enemies of pure food and drugs if Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is given the portfolio of secretary of agriculture in President Wilson's cabinet. It will also be a fine tribute to the personal worth of Dr. Wiley, who, almost unaided, prosecuted his work of ridding the country of adulterated food and drugs until concerted opposition of foes, both without and within the department, so handicapped him that resignation was inevitable.

To the American people the name of Dr. Wiley is a synonym, for a square deal for everyone so far as food measures are concerned. His efforts have been appreciated by all who believe that a man's label on his merchandise should be as good as his bond in the counting house.

Personal liberty is by no means violated by the pure food measures. Every manufacturer is entitled to make an adulterated article if he so desires. And every purchaser is free to purchase an inferior article if he so desires.

What Dr. Wiley has fought for, and what all the honest people in the

country stand for, is merely that the manufacturer will admit the adulteration, instead of claiming that he is furnishing a strictly first class article.

There are many people in this country who want to be sure they have their money's worth. If they pay the full price for a genuine article they want to be sure that they are not being cheated. Dr. Wiley never told the manufacturers they should not adulterate. He merely said that their label should show the amount of adulteration and the deleterious substances employed.

In view of the fact that all the states rolling up the biggest Democratic majorities are agricultural states, the post of secretary of agriculture will be an important one. While Dr. Wiley is, primarily, a chemist, and not a farmer, it is known that his knowledge of the chemistry of farming will give him all the training needed to fill his post acceptably. More than that, the people will feel sure that they have a faithful watch dog guarding all the interests which center about food and drugs.

Probably before the suffragists get through, they will be claiming that it was Adam's backbone that was taken away from him instead of a rib.

The new five cent piece is to have an Indian on one side and a buffalo on the other. Very appropriate for nickel theatres and moving picture films.

A subway under the Atlantic ocean will probably be the next scheme of

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the Wall Street crowd, if they want to keep even.

Some one has raised the question of whether widows should be allowed to marry again. Off-hand, we should say it is a question of chance.

A Chicago janitor has inherited four hundred thousand dollars. He will now probably feel justified in even insulting himself.

That blind banker of Paris who got away with \$2,000,000, seems to have cultivated his sense of touch to a high degree.

France offers \$80,000 for a device that will make aeroplanes safe. It would be just as easy and quite as sensible to offer \$80,000,000.

Fifty people were recently injured in a football fight in Ireland. They may have mistaken it for a free-for-all fight.

Americans boast of their independence and then let Paris dictate what they shall wear.

Gaby Deslys says London is puritanical, provincial, and Quakerish. It must be almost fit to live in.

With the price of shoes going up why doesn't some one start another of those Maud Muller cults?

One Chicago man hit another with a cake of ice. He should be arrested for carrying congealed weapons.

A New Discovery. One of the sensations of the twentieth century is Meritol Rheumatism. The best known remedy for rheumatism in all its forms. Ask those who have tried it. Newlin Drug company.

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