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YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.  
—And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25:40.

## Indifference

Lloyd George has begun the heavy task of attempting to awaken the English voter to his responsibilities. In this the little Welchman, so successful in other undertakings of statesmanship, will heave many sighs and encounter much discouragement.

In Oregon, where there is probably the nearest pure Democracy in existence, many will not take the responsibility of voting seriously. They will not go to the polls, neither will they study questions which vitally affect them.

It is not unlikely that English people are very similar to Americans in this matter, and therein lies the great trouble of government today. Passing responsibilities up to the other fellow only to find that dissatisfaction follows is a serious matter.

But, what are you going to do about it?

There has been agitation for a compulsory voting law, but upon consideration of this drastic departure from present methods it is found that such a law would not be satisfactory. There have been many public men advocate property rights in order to vote, but this would not do for it would take from the man or woman a constitutional right.

## Road Building Ceases

We rather agree with Governor Pierce when he ordered all road building contracts held up until it can be seen what developments will be in the referendum on the gasoline tax.

Oregon can wait if some of her citizens throw monkey wrenches into the machinery, but Oregon should not wait. This is the year when highways should be linked together, and every fault encountered in highway construction costs this state much more than the extra cent on gasoline.

The east and middle west are waiting for the glad word that Oregon highways are ready for the tourists and they are coming in caravans. But a few automobile dealers in Portland—the very people who should favor the added cent on gasoline—are holding up the large tourist travel which would make Oregon hum.

The press of the world believes that Sarah Bernhardt is dying and the entire world weeps over the sad news, for Sarah Bernhardt is a most remarkable woman. She has been the high class entertainer, the good woman and loyal soul to her convictions.

It looks as though the Natron cut-off is to be constructed. Long has it been talked about and long has a big state suffered for lack of its construction and the construction of other needed railroads. Perhaps Oregon's day of development is starting.

Of course, Mrs. Barrett, the Warrenton woman who was offered the city managership of her town, had to take time to consider the proposition for women always reserve the right to change their minds.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### THE OLD BRIER-ROOT.

Omaha World Herald: Some men and some women—including some doctors too—believe that tobacco is not only detrimental to health, but takes its toll in alarming numbers each year.

That's bad news for the smoker—and his name is legion, present, past and probably future. For the average man doesn't wish to be snatched before his receding angel for indulging in a little pleasure of his own choosing—and he loves his old briar-roots even as a smoking babe loves matted milk, once it has been forced upon him.

With these thoughts, to mind a prominent Omaha physician, with a long record for pulling back from the grave thousands of the human race, was asked what he thought about smoking. He replied, "I smoke. My father and grandfather smoked. Both my great-grandfather and great-grandmother smoked. I like it. So did they. This talk about smoking being injurious to health is foolish. If the smoker is physically robust, the records will bear me out in the assertion that pipe smokers live longer than the average. They generally die at a ripe old age, unless taken away by disease that has nothing to do with smoking."

And there you are, just as the old Omaha doctor thinks, at least. In the meantime the display of briar-roots in the smoke shop windows does not diminish, except when one is disposed of to a pipe smoker.

The preference of French women for American husbands would seem to be complimentary except for the continental note that all Americans are millionaires.

# WOOL INDUSTRY IS MORE FIRM

Conditions in the Wool Industry are Steady; States F. R. Marshall.

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 26.—Conditions in the wool industry are steady, according to F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool-growers' association, with headquarters here. He declared that the 1922 consumption of wool in American mills was practically equal to wartime figures and that, on the whole, the prospects are bright.

Wool and lamb markets have reached a point that allows some marginal profit to be applied to reducing indebtedness. Mr. Marshall said in a statement, "Expenses continue much higher than in pre-war days, but improvements in markets have given confidence to financial institutions and the growers who have survived seem likely to have an opportunity gradually to recover their former standing."

Wool market conditions are very similar to those of last year, except that a smaller rise in price is looked for between the time of contracting unshorn wool and the date of shearing and delivery.

"The tariff is operating smoothly and has already produced benefits. Quoted quotations on territory grades of wool are largely nominal. The stocks at the market are low and imports, are coming in at a rapid rate. Only in a few grades is the American price fully equal to the value of similar imported wools, plus the tariff. These facts suggest that the 1923 prices to a considerable extent will be determined by the attitude of those growers who sell at home and by growers' agents handling consigned wool at the market."

"There is an unusual interest in cooperative undertakings to secure orderly marketing for wools. Most of last year's organizations for this purpose are continued and several new ones are being organized, considering the formation of pools."

Feeding flocks have been reduced to a point lower than the carrying capacity of the grazing lands. Mr. Marshall said in concluding his statement with remarks regarding grading areas.



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