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A NUISANCE.

The voter who will not register, but who hunts up six of his friends on election day and asks them to sign his papers, so that he can vote, is an intolerable nuisance, says the Oregonian. And there are many such. The county pays the expense of keeping the registration books open for weeks, employing clerks who spend their time registering the voters. Every man living in the state and having a right to vote has an opportunity to register unless temporarily absent from the state during the period when the books are open. That being true, there is absolutely no reason why any man should ask his friends to vouch for his right to vote on election day.

All over the state the newspapers are urging voters to register. Party managers are urging them to register. But for one reason or another many will not do so. Some, perhaps, like to attract attention at the polls by hurrying around to get the required six signatures. Others find this a good opportunity to tell their friends that they were "too busy" to register, when, as a matter of fact, they were too lazy or too heedless of the duties of citizenship. But whatever the reason or excuse, the man, of whatever party, who will not register, is a common nuisance and should not be tolerated. Law cannot compel a man to register, but public opinion should. By universal custom freeholders should refuse to sign qualification papers for voters on election day. There should be established an unwritten law which reads, "if any man will not take time to register, neither shall he take the time of his friends to certify to his right to vote."

The registration law is a good precaution against election frauds. Let public opinion insist upon its observance.

THE OVERDUE RAIN.

Oregon has had dry autumns before this, but of course this one is the "driest ever," to those who are short of memory and long when it comes to complaining, says the Oregonian. Men who at that time were engaged in the transportation business on the Upper Willamette will recall the rainless autumn of 1863, when December found the steamboats tied to the banks above the falls, waiting for water of sufficient depth to float them. This was before the railroad was built and, except for the long hauls of farmers with their teams, the river was the only means whereby wheat could be got to the mill or the market. The old Standard mills at Milwaukie, after calumnying vainly for grist, had to close down for lack of it; stocks of village and country merchants ran low; farmers chafed because of their dry fields and deferred plowing and still the promise of the leaden skies was unfulfilled. Finally the rain came, and so copiously did it fall that the boating stage of the river lasted far into the next summer, crops were abundant, and plenty, as usual reigned.

This is not one of the dry autumns of the past; such seasons have been relatively few. So while the present conditions are exceptional in the Willamette valley, they are not unprecedented and they have never been followed by a shortage, still less a failure of the next year's crops. So, while rain is long overdue, and we shall all be glad when it comes, there is no occasion to worry over results of its long delay.

GOV. HUGHES IN THE WEST.

The stumping tour of Gov. Hughes in the West is one of the interesting features of the campaign. He has aroused intense enthusiasm where it was supposed he would be received with chilly indifference says the Oregonian. His speeches have been strong and very pointed, although without offense, and his personality has pleased the Westerners, who are



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quick to see the real man in spite of popular misconceptions.

Gov. Hughes exhibits the good quality of his partisanship and his Americanism by taking the time from his own campaign to make speeches for Taft and Sherman. He has all the fighting that one man ought to desire right in New York, but he acknowledges his obligation as a national figure, and cheerfully assumes his share of the general burden in behalf of a man who was his successful rival for the presidential nomination. This is a frank, generous, broadminded spirit that appeals to all Americans.

The trip through the West will serve Gov. Hughes well when he returns to take up his own fight. He will be a more popular figure than ever, and New Yorkers cannot fail to be impressed with his increased prestige among the people of the West. He has successfully beaten down one of the most intangible but stubborn obstacles with which a public man can contend—a popular impression. The impression in the public mind has been that Gov. Hughes was a cold, austere, pulseless man, more machine than human being, holding himself aloof from all familiarities of intercourse and speech, and therefore indifferent to the feelings of the people as distinguished from their will. The hearty manner of his speech in the West, the quick response of the people to this manifestation of offhand goodwill, and papable effect of his speeches are no longer matters of doubt. Gov. Hughes has made good, and will be heard from thereafter.

The railroads must keep that promise to haul the prosperity.

Now if the hand wagons don't turn too short "where the long lane turns."

Great economy in canned political speeches. Think of the railroad fare they save.

Higgen doesn't predict his election, but he talks like a man who enjoys the exercise of running.

They have placed a collar on Bryan's trick mule, but what that animal needs is plenty of rope.

Just like the candidates, the phonographs into which they talk will not permit anyone to get a word in edgewise.

As Japan has deferred her exposition until 1917, Hobson will have plenty of time to pull off his war with her.

"Rockefeller belongs to the foreign nobility." Sad, that they should bring that charge against him in his old age.

So many "Lives" of the candidates on the market the book agents don't leave us much cash for campaign contributions.

There should be no question as to Harry Thaw's sanity when he is able to hold his own in a dispute with bailiffs and bill collectors generally.

A lunatic created considerable excitement in the London exchange. The same man in Wall Street would have been taken as a matter of course.

According to an official report, 70 per cent of the children in the public schools of New York are abnormal, but it seems that very few of them were placed in that class because of an abnormal desire to go to school.

The open season for deer and guides in the great Northern forests has set in. Last year the hunters succeeded in potting almost as many guides as they did deer. With a little better marksmanship this year they will be able to keep the two records about equal, preventing any danger of an over supply of guides.

That the mainpring of civilization is servile imitation has had another illustration in London, where, following the wide advertising of the Rosalyn-Maxim roulette match, the game has become a craze practically in all classes of society, even those close to the king. That stern old Puritan, Father Vaughan, certainly

has his troubles in elevating the morals of London.

Dr. Mary Walker says that tuberculosis comes from tobacco smoke, and Dr. Robert Sangiovanni with equal assurance avers that it comes from tight corsets. We suspect the one of being a manhater, the other a misogynist. When doctors disagree what else can the poor patient do but say things? Perhaps if they should get together, they could make it up between them and put a mighty crimp in the claims of science.

As an indication of returning prosperity, New York tobaccoists report a daily increase of 5000 boxes in the sale of cigars, as compared with the sales a few months ago. With diamonds and cigars again nearing normal distribution, there can be no question that the financial stringency is gasping its last. The demand for luxuries is the most accurate of prosperity indicators. When cigar smokers quit their fragrant weeds and buy pipes and plug-tobacco, wise observers know that the financial barometer is near the danger mark. It is cheering information that New York is smoking up again.

There will meet in London this month, at the invitation of the British government, an international conference for the revision of the laws of maritime warfare, the most important gatherings of its kind within half a century past. The code of warfare at sea adopted by the Declaration of Paris, in 1856, abolishing privateering and establishing the principle that the flag covers the goods, will be subjected to careful consideration by the experts of the powers, including America, and it is expected that the revised code will be more in harmony with the principles for which the United States contended in vain at The Hague conference.—Exchange.

Nothing is sacred to the muck-raker. Having exhausted the present, he goes back to the past and uncovers the most revered tomb to prove that it contains blackened bones. Philadelphia's celebration in honor of her founder affords him an opportunity to "show up" the frailties of William Penn. Why can't they let the old Quaker rest in peace and honor? If he was a poseur, who dressed in Quaker garb to draw attention to himself, what harm is that to the present generation? If he bought lands from the Indians to quiet future possible claims, who should complain since the Indians have not? William Penn has been held up to the school children, for two centuries, as the one honest man in a corrupt time, and nobody thanks the muck-raker for attempting to prove him a fraud.

BLIGHTED ROMANCE.

Man Refuses to Marry Girl After She Came From South.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 13.—Death has ended the blighted romance of Stelly Fiesnor, the Virginia girl who came to Oregon to marry a man she had never seen, was deserted by him and was forced to seek refuge at the poor farm until her relatives sent her a ticket to return home. The girl was seriously ill with tuberculosis, and when she reached Portland the man, whom she had met through a matrimonial bureau, refused to marry her on account of her illness. Too proud to write her relatives in Virginia that her romance had ended so unhappily, the girl stayed in Portland until all her money was gone, and then applied to the county for aid. She was sent to the poor farm and Secretary Carr of the county board of relief wrote to her relatives at Bristol, Va. Her brother sent her a ticket and she started back to Virginia. Secretary Carr this morning received information that the girl died at Omaha on her way home.

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CONVENTION CLOSES.

Meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Oregon Session at Portland.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 10.—The convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union of Oregon, which has been in session for the past four days in the Taylor-Street Methodist church, has held its final meeting. This year's convention is considered by the temperance leaders one of the largest and most successful in the history of the organization.

At the election held at the afternoon session all of the state officers were re-elected, with the exception of the vice-president, Mrs. Helen D. Harford of Newberg being chosen to fill that office. Mrs. Eva Wheeler of Cottage Grove was also elected to the office of secretary of the "Y" union.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the reading of reports and the securing of pledges for funds for the coming year. At the conclusion of the memorial service, conducted by Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, a report was rendered by Mrs. L. H. Addison on the World's Temperance congress, held at Boston, which she attended as delegate from Oregon.

The reports rendered by the finance and membership committees showed gratifying results in those departments. A resolution was passed declaring that the reforms recently inaugurated by Mayor Lane are strongly endorsed by the union, and that it opposes the colonization of vice in any form. The union also expressed its regret that the station of the Salem electric line contains three saloons, thus making it an obnoxious place, they consider, for the women and children who patronize the road.

The closing session of the convention was devoted to the diamond medal contest, awarded by the W. C. T. U. for the best declamation, the orations dealing with the question of temperance. This medal was awarded to D. L. Morgan of Eugene. A musical program was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

DISEASE KILLING INDIANS.

Similar to Grip, It Depletes Tribes on James and Hudson Bays.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—A deadly disease, in some respects like the grip, but highly contagious and far more mortal than the grip in this climate, has attacked the already depleted tribes of the Cree Indians on the shores of James and Hudson Bays, killing men, women and children by the score. Anson Skinner, of the department of Anthropology of the American Museum of Natural History, who recently returned from an exhaustive study of the people of that country, brought the news of the plague to this city.

"The disease apparently came from nowhere," says Dr. Skinner. "No one ever heard of it before and when men were stricken one day and died the next their relatives and friends became panic-stricken. The illness manifested itself in colds, followed by coughs, fever and nausea. Unless the sufferers were of very strong physique they died quickly. In several tribes every aged man, delicate woman and practically all the children were wiped out in a few days by the malady. Only the able-bodied men resisted it, and a few of the stronger women."

WINS ST. LOUIS BELLE.

Actor Weds Daughter of St. Louis Capitalist

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 14.—Miss Isabella Hayden, the handsome daughter of John A. Hayden, a prominent retired capitalist, now residing in Hollywood, became the bride of Harry von Meter, a well-known actor, in Oakland, September 29. The wedding was secret and hasty, and the news did not leak out until today. Some time ago the engagement was announced, but the marriage had not been expected to take place for at least a year. It was virtually an elopement, though the young woman's mother attended the ceremony.

Early last month Von Meter had an engagement in St. Louis, and Miss Hayden, chaperoned by her mother, went there also. Cupid became busy, and by the time the young people were ready to leave for Oakland, where Von Meter was to

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appear next, they had decided to be wed on their arrival. They quietly secured a license and went to the nearest courtroom, where the knot was tied.

Mrs. Von Meter and Mrs. Hayden came south today. The groom will follow at the conclusion of his Oakland engagement.

BEQUEATHS ONE DOLLAR.

Portland Woman's Will Slight "Individual Who Married Me."

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—To "the individual" who married her, Mrs. Catherine E. Heckler of Portland, Or., bequeathed \$1—and not in one lump either.

Clerks in the Probate court, where

the will was filed today, expressed the opinion that the testatrix had been disappointed in Andrew. Her attorney is bequeathed a cut-glass water bottle and Mrs. Isabelle Vance, a friend, is given the remainder of the estate. In part, the testament reads:

"I give and bequeath unto Andrew Heckler, the individual who married me in 1906 in San Diego, Cal., and who got from me thousands of dollars, and when he could get no more, deserted me, and whose name I must legally bear, the sum of \$1, to be paid in monthly installments of 25 cents each."

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