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WOULD men devote as much zeal to the promotion of good citizenship as to following the beck and call of secret societies, the world would be the better for it. If all men would recognize their duty to their country and to humanity as being paramount to the blind serving of secret orders whose purposes and methods can not stand the light of public scrutiny, there would be fewer acts of violence to record and the social fabric would be closer knit in bonds of human brotherhood. The most useless citizens are frequently the most active "lodge men." Public and private affairs may be out of joint, the peace and prosperity of the state may be in danger, but these awaken in them no solicitude in comparison with the welfare of some secret committee, something that a few precious compeers are privy to, or some lodge or order whose purposes may be inimical to the welfare of the state. Organizations where fellow craftsmen associate for their own good are commendable when not in the hands of demagogues, but those "fraternal" societies and semi-political organizations, oath bound and exacting allegiance superior to that of the state and inflicting penalties greater than those of the state, are prejudicial to the best interests of society. Morgan's death, or supposed death, certainly did much to open the eyes of good citizens both within and without the order that was credited with his violent taking off, and no doubt had a most salutary effect in reforming some of the ideas of that order on the subject of the sanctity of its secrets being superior to that of human life; and Cronin's fate, about which there is no question whatever, has opened the eyes of the people to new dangers threatening the foundations of our national life.

Undoubtedly the association together of iron ore, coal, timber and limestone in unbounded quantities on

Puget sound will make that region at some future day the scene of the greatest iron manufacturing industry in the world, but this must be a long, slow and steady growth as population and commerce on the Pacific coast increase. Iron manufacturers who have looked into this subject all agree on this point, and several extensive iron industries have been in contemplation for some time. It seems now that the first actual step, with the exception of the works at Irondale, will be taken in Seattle, where parties from Youngstown, Ohio, and Pittsburg, Penn., have combined with local capitalists and have organized a company to put in a rolling mill plant at an expense of \$100,000.

Edison seems to be firmly impressed with the deadly power of electricity. He not only testified in its favor, in opposition to experts who held the contrary view, before the committee that investigated the question of electric executions, but he now says that placing electric light wires underground will not reduce the danger they constantly threaten, as their deadly charge may stray upon innocent wires and surprise people generally. Electricity is a fiery, untamed steed that has not yet found a perfect master.

A terrible snow storm in New Mexico, trains blockaded for days and many people, cattle, horses and sheep frozen to death, is news that causes every man living west of the Rocky mountains, and especially those west of the Sierras and Cascades, to rejoice that his lines have been cast in more pleasant places, and that the mild breath of the Pacific gives him a climate that even so southern a latitude as New Mexico can never hope to possess.

President Harrison has been credited with considerable astute political jugglery, but the way he juggled with his signature on the Dakota proclamations was simply silly. He mixed those two states worse than Little Buttercup mixed the babies, and now there will never be any way of making a list of states in the order of their admission that everyone will be satisfied is correct.

Tacoma has incorporated the Russell Reduction and Smelting Co. with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. This is just a little the loudest sounding gun that has boomed in the northwest, and it is to be hoped that it is not loaded with a blank cartridge.

Here come the "hyas tyees" of the W. C. T. U. charging each other with corrupt management and instituting damage suits for libel, and doing other things so much like the men that it seems wicked any longer to refuse them the right to vote.