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THE CITY IS CRUEL.

The apparent wave of crime that is sweeping over the cities of the world serves to call attention to the fact of the savagery of life in the city. The city is cruel. In it are brought together the criminals of every degree. The brutality of the low criminal who is a primitive savage in civilized garb, is matched by the shrewd cunning, the oppression, the lawlessness of the high criminal. The present riot of savagery in the cities is directed largely against women and children. Naturally so. In the city weakness does not invite chivalry. It gives the strong a chance to prey on the weak. If in the city we have the brutal villain whose crimes excite the horror of civilized men, we have also the sleek villain who makes merchandise of female virtue, who traffics in human flesh by a system of white slavery that would put to shame a savage of the woods.

If on the one side we have ignorance and vice joined together, we have also flaunting luxury joined to a pagan carelessness and a cynical disregard of all poverty and suffering. The savagery of the rich is no whit better than that of the poor—and there is less excuse for its existence. The city is cruel. It imposes hard conditions and if it produces monstrous and ghastly crimes in the slums it also produces monstrous and hideous crimes in the business world. In the cities men are hardened—whether rich or poor—by the fierce rivalry of the times. In order to get what they want they try to take short cuts. They develop a disregard for their fellows. The low criminal uses crude methods, the high criminal puts on the cloak of respectability. In the cities men—and women—are largely given over to the desire of pleasure. Self-sacrifice is distasteful. Gross materialism too often controls their desires. Naturally they fight each other just as savages do. Of course there is humanity in the city, and unselfishness and chivalry and rugged honesty, but below it all is that fierce, insistent, almost dominant, note of savagery. How shall this be cured?

EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY.

The Oregonian and the political machine of the state now endeavoring to revive the political convention under another name, have been rebuffed in several counties throughout Oregon, and others would undoubtedly turn the assembly a cold shoulder were they possessed of inside information regarding the modus operandi of The Oregonian's henchmen. The assembly pretense is to unify the republican party, but its introduction has split it into factions and no good can result. The politicians, including the self-constituted dictator, The Oregonian, will not accept the dictation of the large majority of republicans. They are satisfied only when the machine is in operation and producing according to their liking. The people have long since tired of this spirit of domination, weary of corruption, party squabbles and factional fights, and will choose for themselves rather than allow the thinking and acting to be done by political machinery. The Oregonian has its knife out for those who fail to confirm its stated opinions, but that publication sooner or later will arrive at the sane conclusion that "every dog has its day."

MILLIONS FOR IRRIGATION.

Washington dispatches announcing that at least \$20,000,000 loan from the Federal Government would be made to the Reclamation Service, brings joy to the Oregon irrigationists. But the next clause of the dispatch announcing this fact states that the section of the old law which requires the Secretary of the Interior to appropriate at least 51 per cent for use in each state of the total fund derived from sale of public lands in that state had been repealed. The statement carries with it a sense of alarm. Oregon now has less than half her legal minimum appropriated. Under the old law about \$2,000,000 out of the present fund could have been forced to the state, but with the section repealed which gives each state of the reclamation group legal right to demand 51 per cent of its funds, Oregon has not any further remedy than public sentiment.

This situation causes much concern throughout the state, says The Telegram. In the past Oregon has been slighted in a manner that was aggravating, but now the right to continue this slight has been established, presumably by the Senators who have been profiting by Oregon's loss. What

recourse the state will have now depends upon public spirit. If Oregon is aggressive, and makes demands as has been done by other states in the reclamation group, hastens surveys and stream measurements, many men who have followed this work believe that there is still hope for big results here. But if the public remains as quiet as in the past, it may come about now that the state will not get any of the reclamation fund, as the Secretary of the Interior has an absolute right to deprive the state of every cent he once intended spending here to comply with the law.

Oregon has contributed more than \$8,000,000 to the reclamation fund. The enormous rush for Eastern Oregon lands means that perhaps \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000 more will be added in the next three or four years. This would give a superb fund for work in this state, if the secretary accorded Oregon the same consideration that is given Nevada, New Mexico, Washington, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY.

It is always interesting to delve in the history of the past. That there were prophets as well as giants in those days is apparent from a perusal of the utterances of men prominent in affairs in the long ago. Roger Bacon lived something like 600 years ago. He was a philosopher of the old school and while his facilities for investigation and research may not have been anything like what are available in these days yet he studied out many scientific truths, applied them in his crude way and evolved many features that afforded a ground work for investigation in after years. Many of the modern sciences owe their foundation to his investigation and genius. He was not only a scientist but a prophet as well. He had a vision of great steamships, automobiles and airships.

An old English book printed four hundred or so years ago records the following conversation as having occurred with Bacon:

"Fryer Bacon answered, Your grace saith well; but let me—under correction—tell you, that are oftentimes doth those things that are impossible to armes, which will make good in some few examples. I will speak onely of things performed by art and nature wherein shall be nothing magical; the first by the figuration of art, there may be made instruments of navigation without men to rowe in them, as great ships to brooke the sea, only with one man to steere them, and they shall sayle far more swiftly than if they were full of men; also chariots that shall move with an unspeakable force, without any living creature to stirre them. Likewise, an instrument may be made to flywith all, if one may sit in the midst of the instrument, and doe turne an engine, by which the wings being artificially composed, may beat ayre after the manner of a flying bird."

VOTERS MUST REGISTER.

Every voter who wishes to participate in the coming primary or general election and who does not wish to have his vote sworn in, must register. No previous registration counts this year. Besides the registration, voters must be careful and register in the precinct in which they live under the rearrangement of precincts. No special registration clerks are named in Oregon, every justice of the peace, every notary, and in fact every one authorized to administer an oath being empowered to register voters. County Clerk Lee has provided the justices of the peace and some others with the necessary blanks and information concerning the rearrangement of precinct lines, owing to the additional precincts being established in Southern Lane county. The County Commissioners have agreed on the lines of the new precincts. An early registration is important, as the law requires that persons signing nominating petitions must be qualified voters.

The socialists of Cottage Grove have discontinued their regular weekly meetings for the summer months. Meetings at the home of members are held occasionally, however.

Egyptologists now claim that Ramesses, "The Great," was a mere four-flush. Well, it was a long time before anybody called him, anyhow.

Cottage Grove, born in obscurity and for years unknown to the outside world, with no syndicate or boomers to herald its manifold advantages, has moved steadily onward and upward in importance, and today there is not a city of its size anywhere enjoying a more enviable reputation. With head aloft, she bids all to come and investigate her claims.

The apparent liberality of Eugene as regards the distribution of county offices this fall is surprising to the older inhabitants, who have a vivid recollection of the manner in which the county town has, during the last quarter century, gobbled everything in sight. There is a cry for harmony, but dollars to doughnuts the Eugene bunch will want to dictate the terms on which it may be attained. However, it matters little to Cottage Grove, and the 1900 square miles of territory adjacent thereto, because we will not be a "part and parcel" of Lane county after the election of November 8.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The Eugene Register, advocating the hermaphrodite assembly-convention, takes a jab at George C. Brownell who opposes the assembly. It says: "We recall the time he acted as chairman of the congressional convention at Eugene, when he announced facetiously, 'We will now proceed according to program,' whereupon he pulled a 'program' from his pocket and proceeded as announced."

All Oregon recalls that incident. It recalls that in those days every convention was "programmed." Every chairman of every convention, with mighty rare exceptions took his orders. If the "program" was not exposed openly as Mr. Brownell did at Eugene, it was secretly followed just the same. It was these convention "programs" that eliminated the citizen body from any hand in nominating men, and made election of candidates the pleasure and privilege of the few cunning men behind the scenes. It is back to this scheme of "programs" with a few men sitting upon conventions and fixing tickets that assemblyism is attempting to take the state.

Why shouldn't Mr. Brownell oppose the "program" method? Is not the fact that he was in and a part of the old system the best reason in the world for him to be against the system now? Does not the fact that he was in the system and a part of it make it important to listen to him now when he exposes and denounces it? Is not his course far better than that of those who, having once played the "program" game, and knowing its iniquities, want to go back to it?

In the days of the congressional convention at Eugene, the rotten system was the only system Oregon knew of—it had not tried the direct primary. Since then, the world has moved. So has Oregon. So has Mr. Brownell. Portland Journal.

The Oregonian is so inculcated with the idea of an assembly and its various objects that it does not seem to understand the beat of the pulse of the majority of the republicans of Oregon. There may be no serious objection to the holding of a representative assembly provided such an assembly does not overstep the boundary line of sense and discretion. We are sure it would only be too pleasing to the rank and file to have the opportunity of demonstrating, once and for all, that a convention nomination or, in other words, an assembly suggestion is a weak factor for any one it favors. But what the rank and file, or the undoubted majority, does insist upon is that there be no slating done at this assembly; that there be no resolutions against the direct primary, Statement No. 1, initiative and referendum; that no old political hacks are held up for admiration and support; that every section of the state is fully represented, and that no attempt is made to restore boss methods in this state. Go ahead and nominate; it is your lawful right, and do quit whining and attempting to whip the people into line. They have heard the crack of the whip before and no longer jump at the sound.—Woodburn Republican.

Grants Pass Courier:—The people of Oregon have taken the preliminary steps to do away with the corruption of parties and the state has become prominent before the whole country because of the efforts of its legislature to eliminate the political boss in every community. The people of Oregon have resolved to rule in all matters which come before them to be determined at the ballot. They have made the standard of office holding ability and honesty and the party which refuses to meet these requirements must expect defeat. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Brownsville Times:—Cottage Grove is one of the hustling towns of the Willamette Valley that will continue its publicity work during the ensuing year and has already raised funds for that purpose. The towns that are continually forging to the front are those whose citizens are continually keeping the advantages of their community before the public.

DRUG SLAVES.

"Anything," says an exchange, "which tends to diminish the addiction of mankind to drugs, be it faith cure, Fletcherism, education, or what not, deserves to be commended for that service, whatever else we may blame it for." Undoubtedly there is much truth in this. It is estimated that some two or three millions of people in this United States are slaves to some drug other than strong drink. So destructive are the effects of the practice that the government has thought it worth while to issue a Farmers' Bulletin to warn the public of the many habit-forming chemicals which are contained in seductive forms in soothing syrups, headache powders, "temperance drinks" and other traps for the unwary. It is Bulletin No. 393, and may be obtained by writing to the Department of Agriculture.

The food and drugs act does not positively forbid the use of deleterious chemicals in patent medicines. It merely requires that the contents of the bottle or packages be printed on the wrapper. A person who is not familiar with the properties of drugs may be de-

ceived by alluring advertisements as easily when the ingredients are named as when they are not. Many of these so-called medicines are purposely prepared with habit-forming substance. The object is to secure regular customers. Naturally, a person who has been insidiously enslaved to opium or cocaine will be a life long purchaser of the "medicine" which has ruined him. It is said also that many low-class physicians take part in the base practice of enticing victims to form the drug habit. Tuberculosis patients are especially chosen by them to operate upon. They sell some drug purporting to cure consumption. In reality all it does is to deaden the person's nerves, so that he does not feel the irritation of the disease, and therefore ceases to cough. Meanwhile the ravages of the malady continue unchecked, and death is, in fact, hastened by the remedy. Should the patient by chance recover, he finds himself addicted to some drug which makes him a hopeless slave all his life.

It is an old saying that the American people love to be humbugged. We are reminded of this by seeing agents canvassing our country with packages of dry goods. These packages are sold for various prices. People forget how extremely low all classes of goods are at the present time and fall easy victims to the traveling humbugs. They could buy a much better class of goods of our honest home merchants for less money. These city sharks travel through the country and make a fortune out of shoddy goods. A word to the wise should be sufficient. The goods they sell are dear at any price.

Paine, the great fireworks manufacturer, says that the agitation for a "safe and sane Fourth of July, has greatly injured his business. He declares that the incentive to invent and put upon the market new explosives has been suppressed strangled, we believe is the word he uses. It may be that Mr. Paine's business has been injured but better than the loss of life and limb occasioned by the recklessness of the past.

Let us send the breaking plow of Progress to the uncultivated and undeveloped area and we will make this a great state.—Col. Hofer.

There is a demand for street improvements, and those interested should get together on the material to be used and proceed with the work. At present there are differences of opinion that are liable to block all paving for the year. This is not as it should be.

Read the announcements of your merchants in this issue. Many a dollar has been saved by a careful perusal of a merchant's ad. When a business man advertises for your patronage he not only has a line of goods that "speaks" but there may be some article or articles listed that you desire and that it may be advantageous to buy at this time.

Lawyers of Oregon, through the State Bar association, have declared for a non-partisan bench. They desire that the justices of the supreme court of the state shall be selected irrespective of politics. For that purpose the special committee of the Bar association appointed to find a way to carry the non-partisan idea into practice, have called a mass meeting of the lawyers of the state for July at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Multnomah courthouse, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the supreme bench, according to qualifications and not to partisanship.

Cottage Grove will not participate in the assembly at Eugene tomorrow. A number of other precincts in the county will not be represented, for the reason that a large number want to abide by the primary law and do away with the convention idea, as was the intent of the law when it was passed.

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