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AS AN evidence of the ingratitude of the public for honest public service take note of the results of the most recent election. Commissioner Brewster was admittedly one of the most conscientious officials the city of Portland ever had. All sorts of people admitted that to be a fact. During the pre-election events it was a most common remark, "He is a good official, honest and most competent, but not a very good politician." His way of telling the truth was a little too pointed and so a considerable number of people decided to pass him by for others a little more circumlocutory in presentation. Not much of a reward for standing on conviction and letting people know squarely what those convictions were.

It is one thing to say that we want to know how a man stands, and to stand for that sort of a man. As Mr. J. J. Ingalls said some twenty-five years ago, as yet, "Purification of politics is an iridescent dream." You sure can find the dreamers but they won't let you live up to the creations of their subjective souls.

While commending the departed it is not amiss to call attention to some of the commendable attributes of the winning candidate. Mr. Baker is now a man of mature years. He has had a considerable amount of experience in municipal affairs. He is a man of ability in a business way. He is a companionable, attractive individual who has friends and influence wherever he goes. He is capable of doing a lot of good things for the people of Portland and it is to be hoped he will turn his energies over to the city and give it the very best there is in him. Working under this form of government will be just a little different from that which previously commanded his genius and he will have a better chance to distinguish himself. May that distinction be on the side of the best interests of all the people all the time.

IF any one doubts that the present depression has prevented an unusual development in all the country districts of the county they have only to take a short trip around and they will get their notions corrected. Clearing and building is in evidence all over eastern Multnomah, and if some of the town dubs are having pretty tough times of it they do not need to conclude that the country "jakes" are all as hard up as they are. This is another time when the countryman is the most independent. Comes to a pinch he can live on fresh eggs, fried chicken, green peas, new potatoes, wild strawberries and Royal Annes, and green beans or salad seasoned with an occasional slice of home cured ham, corned beef, or bacon. A man can live on those things if the worst comes to the worst.

Oregon is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in building good roads in many sections of the state and the work is being pushed with vigor at this time in order that the roads may be in readiness for the use of tourists. All this investment will be wasted and no material benefit gained by the state should the usual practice of burning slashings during the summer prevail. By concerted effort throughout the state, the season of 1915 may be made the most successful in the history of

Oregon in entertaining tourists. If their pleasure is not interfered with, it is quite certain that the travel in years to come will be more than doubled.

It is interesting to note that the Chamber of Commerce has just received a report from its special committee on road materials and paving. That report, according to such parts of it as are published, is all to the advantage of certain classes of pavement controlled by the local paving trust. Patented pavements are the only ones actually commended. Others are experiments. That decision might have been expected. The paving trust has a good representation among the business men of the city.

The Governor of Oregon has proclaimed Friday, June 11, a legal holiday in order that residents of the state may have a good excuse to close up their places of business and attend the Rose Festival. It is expected that the attendance on that day will be a record-breaker.

NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Miller, of Missouri, is attending the National Suffrage Association meeting in Chicago, clad in a simple blue gown "any woman can make." The women of Missouri have adopted this dress as a protest against the rapid changes of fashions. It is said many questions were asked her concerning this gown. There is a question that might be asked, a question the affirmative answer to which would leave woman's hands free for employment by "work and solace," the spirits of the hands so beautifully portrayed in Miss Hammond's "Everywoman." It would throw one line of goods on the shelves of shop owners, and it would add much grace and dignity of woman kind. If the answer is favorable there are some few busy women of the Pacific coast who will with gladness and swift certainty adopt the garment. This question which is really of great moment is: about this garb is there such a convenience as a pocket?

The next meeting of Mt. Scott Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Walsh on Tuesday, June 22d. Mrs. Ella Himes, Superintendent of out door meetings will have charge of the meeting.

County headquarters, Morrison and Eleventh street. Luncheon can be secured there and it will be found a restful place for an extra hour between times.

CORBETT

Rev. Reeder was badly bruised by being thrown from a motorcycle Saturday while riding on the highway with his son.

Mrs. Roy, who has been quite ill at the home of R. M. Dodson, was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital Sunday evening.

Henry Bell enjoyed a visit with his daughter from Portland last week.

By the kindness of Fred C. Reed, Mesdames E. Reed, L. L. Reed, St. Joseph Leland, E. D. Chamberlain, Clara E. Smith and the Misses Ethel Smith and Helen Coulter and Mr. Geo. G. Smith enjoyed a launch ride to Multnomah Falls Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Fox of Troutdale visited her parents Wednesday and Thursday.

Her Long, Long Past.

Penelope—Marcella was in the clairvoyant's room for a good two hours. Percival—She must have been having her future told. Penelope—Why are you so certain of that? Percival—It would have taken the clairvoyant two weeks to have told her past.—Judge.

No Pursuit Necessary.

"Catch" does not imply motion in every case. You may have to step lively to catch a train or a rabbit, but there is a long list of things, from hares to rheumatism, that you can connect with while standing perfectly still.—Houston Post.

She Talked Freely.

"Did she say anything when the traffic officer made her back up her car?" "I should say she did. She couldn't have said more if she had been married to the policeman."—Detroit Free Press.

Health In The Suburbs

BY LORA C. LITTLE

Let the children go barefoot all through vacation. Shoes in summer are superfluous anyhow. "Prison-cells of pride" the poet Whittier calls them. Civilization costs all it is worth when it makes grown people encase their feet in leather contraptions. The foot is made to press the earth, to become tanned and tough, instead of looking like a potato sprout in a dark cellar. Persons run down physically will receive marked benefit from going barefoot—if not all day, then as long a time daily as circumstances permit. But the children, bless them, why should they wear shoes about their own homes? My heart goes out to a little tot I see daily, wearing black stockings and high shoes, while her playmates are cool and happy with bare legs and toes in the dirt.

Insincerity and pretension cause much misery. Here is a couple who have a modest home in a "good" part of the city. They are accustomed to associate with the "best" people. Both man and wife have professions, but both are past their prime—not necessarily in years, but actually in power. Their joint income has fallen below their needs, if they are to hold the position which they have clung to for years with grim tenacity. Worry is sapping the vitality they have left. Pride will not let them adapt themselves to circumstances. They refuse to face the facts.

Their plight is one of unmitigated misery, and yet it would begin to transform itself into comfort and happiness the moment they resolved to adjust themselves to things as they are. Really, it takes so little to live on, in this cli-

mate, if actual needs are alone considered, that it is plain it is not a question of sustenance but one of pride.

Suppose they rent their home furnished, taking out a few necessities for housekeeping, and go out where they can get a cheap lot and put up a tent. The rent they would receive would make their payments on the lot and pay the taxes on both properties. Cultivation of their lot would go far toward feeding them. The little business that would come to them in their new environment would eke out the remainder required for so simple a life. And think what a lark such a change would be, if they would take it that way? Life would open a new and interesting chapter for them. They would discover the best of people are to be found in all walks of life, and the very best part of the city would be their own simple home.

Nobody is poor who is healthy, adaptable and industrious.

If you want to be somebody, be yourself. Greater distinction you can never have. Thomas A. Edison, discussing national defense, remarks, "Always we have done new things or done old things in a new way, and frequently they have been better things and better ways than Europe has developed."

That is because we have men who think their own thoughts, men who delve within for ideas, who "listen to themselves." More such citizens are needed, and not merely inventors and mechanics, but persons who are able to do their own thinking on all subjects presented for their attention. Each of us has immense resources within and we should learn to draw upon them.

Opening Day at Panama-Pacific Exposition Broke All Exposition Attendance Records

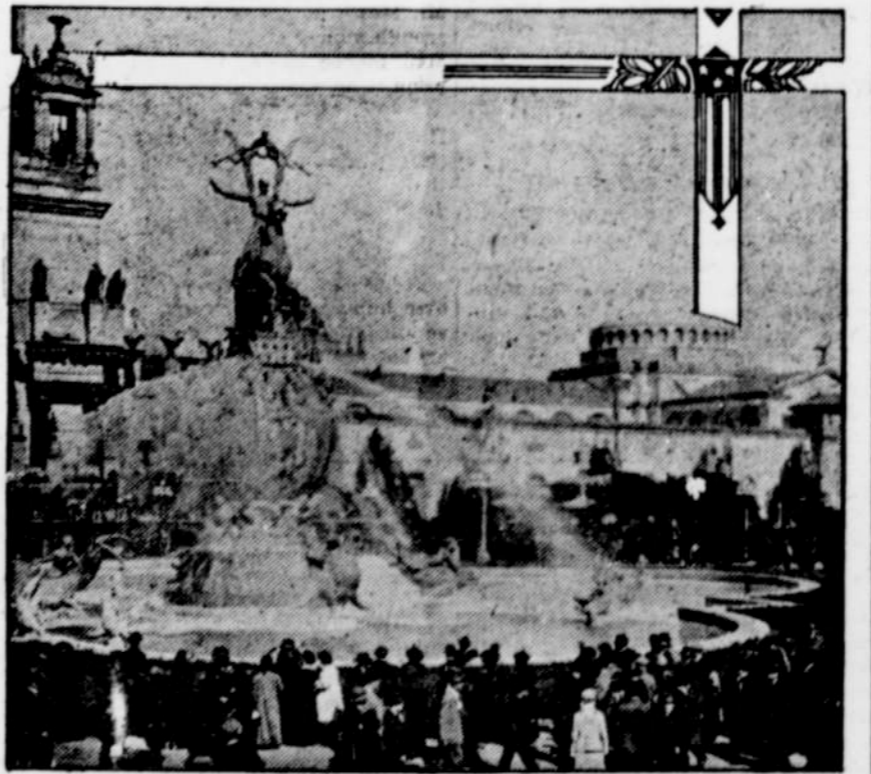
ALL attendance records for expositions were broken at the opening of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco on Feb. 20. Vast crowds thronged the grounds when President Wilson pressed the button in Washington, and each day since the attendance has been enormous. The huge buildings and beautiful thoroughfares hummed with activity and have continued to do so.

The Exposition has already demonstrated at this early date that it will be a great success in every way.



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