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Experts estimate the damage done to the Kentish (Eng.) hopgrowers by rain and hail on September 11 at fully \$500,000.

Average republican vote of the state on the state on six candidates, excepting governor, was 46,505, an average plurality of 15,013. The average democratic vote was 31,492. For governor Geer received 41,581 and Chamberlain 41,857 or a plurality of 276.

It is reported that experiment is being made on the Rand mines in Orange river colony and Transvaal, South Africa, of employing general white labor at \$1.25 a day and food, equivalent to about \$2.20 a day. Female servants are in demand at about \$25 a month.

GEORGE MITCHELL, general manager of the Greene Consolidated Copper Co., and discoverer of the Cobro Grande copper property, claims to have found a mountain of pure copper in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. Ore in sight is said to be worth the enormous sum of \$536,000,000.

It is significant of the class-consciousness of the English working people, that at the congress of delegates representing 1,500,000 British labor unionists, a resolution was passed asking that the government pension all workmen who have arrived at the age of 60 years.

SIR WILLIAM MELLOCK, Canada's postmaster-general, told the interviewers on his arrival in New York the other day that he believed in government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines. "Isn't that socialism?" Inquired a perturbed reporter. "Well," answered Sir William, "isn't socialism a good thing, if built on a proper foundation?"

An Englishman can send a three-pound package from London to Chicago for twenty-four cents. An American must pay twice that amount to send the same package from New York to Chicago. In this brief statement of the alliance between the postoffice of a foreign government and an express company you will find something to think about if you are at all interested in government ownership of public necessities and monopolies.

SENATOR SPOONER, of Wisconsin, says he cannot afford to accept an appointment to the supreme bench as he cannot live on the salary, \$10,000 per year. We always suspected it—of some senators. If Spooner did not add to his pittance as senator by being attorney for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, his life would be miserable, indeed. As a corporation lawyer, this republican statesman lives like a prince.

The amount of timber used every year for ties alone is equivalent to 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber. There are now standing nearly 7,500,000 telegraph poles. The average life of a telegraph pole is about 10 years, so that nearly 750,000 new poles are required every year. These figures do not include telephone poles and poles on the new railway lines. The total annual consumption of timber for ties and poles is equivalent to the timber grown on 100,000 acres of good virgin forest. For making shoe pegs the wood used in a single year is equal to the product of fully 3,000 acres of second-growth hardwood land. Laths and foot trees require at least 500,000 cords more. Most newspaper and packing paper is made from wood. This industry has been developed only within the last 40 years. The total annual consumption of wood pulp is equivalent to over 800,000,000 board feet of timber, for which it would be necessary, were the trees all growing together, to cut 80,000 acres of prime woods.

A PHILOSOPHER'S QUESTIONS.

In Herbert Spencer's latest book, "Facts and Comments," he tells how he once protected himself against the capacity of two ladies, companions on his daily drives in the country. Says the author, "I put a check on this by asking one or other question not to be answered without thought." Finding the practice to be valuable, it has since been his habit to "test problems, partly by way of gauging the knowledge of young people and partly by way of exercising their reasoning powers." One of the simplest, "which was sometimes answered," is this:

How happens it that sheep, rabbits and hares have eyes on the sides of their heads, while cats and dogs have their eyes nearly in front?

Of others, says Mr. Spencer, to which the replies are less obvious, and to most of which no answers have been forthcoming, here are a few:

How is it possible for a lark, while soaring, to sing for several minutes without cessation?

Cows and horses drink in the same way that we do, whereas dogs and cats drink by lapping. Whence arises this difference of habit?
 Why does a duck waddle in walking? And what is the need for that trait of structure which causes the waddle?
 How is it that a bulldog is able to retain his hold for a longer period than other dogs?

THE CITY DADS.

Many people are wondering why the city council does not do more for the citizens that put them in power. As the Oregon City correspondents of the Portland papers don't seem to tell things exactly as they occur, the Courier-Herald will attempt to set the people right on the subject. In the first place it might be well to state that the council seems to be run by two or three persons who seem to think that they are the "whole thing" and can do as they please without regard to the welfare of the city, and let their personal feelings enter into their deliberations. Councilman Albright, who, by the way, wants to be mayor next year, stands in with C. D. Latourette, who now wants another franchise from the city because, it is said, he has a mercenary interest in the matter, and the mayor seems to stand in with him. If it is a good thing for Oregon City to have a street railway occupy its water front, let Mr. Latourette have his franchise, if not, don't give it to him and end the matter. If we can get another electric line into Oregon City from the country and not impair the city's interest let him have what he asks. There seems to be a question whether a line can be built along Water street without encroaching on the government rights on the stream. It's best to look this matter up before the city gets another lawsuit on its hands, a result of a past administration. We are now suffering from a similar act.

The attitude of the city toward the electric company that now has a franchise and wants another is not taken seriously by the aforesaid company, as it seems to know that secretly the city council, or part of it, at least, is with them. We think this company deserves some recognition, as it already has a line here, and is preparing to build more lines in our county. Give it as much as you would another, but compel it to respect the city's interests and requirements. Councilman Koerner and a couple of others seem to be looking after the city's interests in this and other matters before the council, but they need help. What we want from the city council is results.

HERE AND THERE.

Where is Oregon City's immigration pamphlet that she should be sending out along with her sister towns to induce immigrants to notice our many inducements to settlers? If we could get rid of some of the mossback ideas that now prevail in this community we would have a much larger population. If money for this purpose cannot be raised by subscription, let the city council or county court appropriate a small sum for it. As a business proposition it it would prove profitable, because the increased number of citizens would soon pay the extra taxes caused thereby. We have so many "knockers" or people that throw cold water on anything unless it originates in their fertile brains, that it is hard for anything of a public nature to succeed unless a few of the more "holier than thou" people are consulted first. What we need for success is a more combined effort to advance the interests of our town and county.

The Oregon City correspondents of the Portland dailies seem to think that if they can stand in with a certain gang in Oregon City they are "right in it." If they knew what the average person thought of their slush they would not carry their heads so high. You can tell from reading it where certain information comes from.

There is considerable anxiety among some of the republicans to know how and in whose lap certain political plums are to fall. The aspirants for the Oregon City postoffice are Postmaster Geo. F. Horton, Ex-Recorder Tom P. Randall, with Charles Albright in the distance. The land office registership is still hanging in the balance. The present incumbent, C. B. Moores, expects to continue in the service of Uncle Sam for another four years. A. S. Dresser is also spoken of in connection with this office and is really entitled to the position, but the chances are that the job will go out of the county. Eli Maddock still has hopes, but has not the ghost of a show. J. U. Campbell had this bee in his cap, but he was to have gotten the military job on the governor's staff but for some reason Furnish did not have the desired pull with the voters. The chairmanship of the county committee and the district attorney job have proven very lucrative to him and he is no doubt satisfied. Ex-Senator L. L. Porter expects some kind of a job, and it is not known whether he will accept a tendered position in President Roosevelt's cabinet or not.

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Divorce No Evidence of Lower Moral Standard
By ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

I WOULD recommend every rational man and woman thinking and writing on the subject of divorce to run through their life experience, summon up all the divorced people they know, gauge their moral status and, if possible, the influence of their lives as writers, speakers, artists and philanthropists and SEE IF THEY DO NOT COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH THE BEST MEN AND WOMEN OF THEIR ACQUAINTANCE.

In my own circle of friends I can recall at most two dozen—all as gifted, moral and refined men and women as I ever knew. But few of the women married again, and those who did have been exceptionally happy in their new relations.

THE RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBER OF DIVORCES SO FAR FROM SHOWING A LOWER STATE OF MORALS PROVES EXACTLY THE REVERSE.

Woman is in a transition period from slavery to freedom, and she will not accept the conditions in married life that she has heretofore meekly endured.

When the mother, with her steadfast love of home and children, demands release, we may rest assured her reasons for sundering the tie are all sufficient to herself and should be to society at large.

THE FREQUENT DEMANDS FOR DIVORCE SIMPLY MEAN THAT WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE IDEAL MARRIAGE STATE. Divorce is a challenge to our present system. Evolution has been the law of life. The relation of the sexes has passed through many phases and is likely to pass through many more.

Where Parents Fail In Duty to Children

By Count LEO TOLSTOI

HOW shall we bring up children, feed them, teach them, clothe them? As we bring up ourselves, with proper moderation to fit the individual case, of course. PARENTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THE SAME FOOD, THE SAME BOOKS, THE SAME HOURS FOR SLEEPING AND RISING.

If father and mother will set a good example by the moderate use of food and drink, if their clothes are in harmony with their means and surroundings, if the parents are cleanly, laborious, simple and eager for self improvement, their children will resemble them, and MODERATION AND SIMPLICITY WILL BE THE KEYNOTE OF THE LITTLE ONES' LIVES.

Here is my advice to parents: Let your children see that you are trying to improve your conduct and habits all the time; that, without compulsion, you continue to educate your mind. Secondly, never have a secret before your children; let nothing in your own life admit of misconception by your children. It is far better that children know their elders' weaknesses than suspect them of leading a double life, one to impress them (the children), the other to suit themselves (the parents).

THAT PARENTS REFUSE TO MAKE GOOD THEIR FAULTS AND INDEED REFUSE TO ADMIT SUCH WHILE READILY RECOGNIZING AND PUNISHING THEIR CHILDREN'S SHORTCOMINGS CAUSES MOST OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF WHICH FATHERS AND MOTHERS AND EDUCATORS IN GENERAL COMPLAIN. FOR THAT REASON MANY PARENTS WAGE A PETTY, NAGGING WAR AGAINST THEIR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

NATIONAL SINS AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.

"At the beginning of the 20th century, under the domination of Hedonism, men are devoted frankly to brute force and cunning," says the London Saturday Review. "The state is becoming a mere instrument in the grasp of unscrupulous and all-powerful interests. Democracy, before our very eyes, is turning into plutocracy; and while we consider the question of how governments may control trusts, trusts are already controlling governments. The ideals of the past have ceased to have any application for us; but we show ourselves singularly incapable of evolving new ones."

Henry Watterson, the venerable editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, re-echoes this voice of warning from across the sea. Having made a study of the moral status of the city of New York and her "Four Hundred," he makes these comments:

"He is but a poor observer of contemporary life, and no prophet at all, who does not see that the whole trend of public affairs is set toward an ultimate conflict between the forces of prerogative, on the one hand, and the forces of what the exclusive few delight to call the Great Unwashed, on the other, between Capital, too often avaricious and grasping, and Labor, grimy and passionate, and left riderless, a Monster without a head. It is beside the purpose to say that there are rich men humane, generous, charitable. So are there poor men patient, wise, conservative. It is with Forces, not individuals, we shall have to deal; and, though temporizing may postpone the day, the day is surely coming when it is to be decided who owns the country, who controls the government, the aggregations of wealth mainly piled up in a single section, or

the hewers of wood and the drawers of water who do the work and fight the battles and pay the taxes, the great commonalty, of what Abraham Lincoln called the 'the plain people.' Enlightened men would moderate that conflict. The scandalous behavior of the conspicuous rich plays directly to the lead of the extremist and the agitator, with unclean hands preparing the pickaxe of the leveler and the brand of the incendiary. The indifference of the guild of luxury and wealth—not to mention the common cause which too many of the worthy rich from a mistaken sense of association, make with these—is replete with evil auguries.

"We live in an accelerated age, electricity having annihilated time and space, and, the Latin races doomed, Spain dead, Italy dying, France down with an incurable disease—the causes before our very eyes—shall we not seek to escape what seems to have been the destiny not so much of luxury and wealth, as the vicious assumption of class superiority and the injustice of organized money, percolating what is called society for pleasure, corrupting the foundations of the national credit and honor for profit?"

A very rich man in New York was asked why he did not, like his associates, build a palace on upper Fifth Avenue. He looked his questioner in the eye and said: "Because, when the mob arises and the rich are slaughtered, I do not want to be butchered in a marble morgue of my own building!"

Recently a learned Jewish rabbi in Chicago boldly pronounced from his pulpit warnings that the work of the rich with the poor, the robberies of trusts and the arrogance of purchased powers that of right belong to the people, are hastening us toward an era that will pale the furies and fatalities of the French revolution.

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