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THE STRUGGLERS.

THAT WAS A pretty little sermon John D. Rockefeller preached to his Sunday school pupils. "It is a blessed thing to struggle," he declared. "I have been struggling for sixty years. My first struggle was when I learned to swim, and I have been at it ever since."

Brother Rockefeller never shoots over the heads of his congregation. The simplicity of his sermons recommends them. Children can understand and appreciate the lessons they aim to teach, and every struggler within hailing distance may gather inspiration and struggle on with rejuvenated hope and renewed aspirations. The world is full of strugglers. President Taft is a struggler; so is King Edward; so is Theodore Roosevelt, and William Jennings Bryan, and Uncle Joe Cannon, and the Wright boys, and Cook and Peary, and Samuel Gompers, and Mrs. Pankhurst, and Mayor Straw, and Jim Jeffries; and so are the farmers, bankers, lawyers, ministers, doctors, educators, musicians, artists, mechanics, clerks, street sweepers and newsboys. There is no end of strugglers, and upon all falls the soothing benediction—"It is a blessed thing to struggle!"

Brother Rockefeller has always practiced what he now preaches. He has been a conspicuous struggler. He has struggled for sixty years. No one can ask for a more wholesome example of the confirmed struggler. And he has found it a blessed thing to struggle. But let's not dwell on that. It is enough to say that from his first plunge into the depths of the old swimmin' hole there has never been a time when he couldn't keep his head above water.

"SUCKERS" AND TIMBER BAIT.

"SUCKERS" ARE still biting, in Eastern States, at Oregon's timber land bait. Now comes an attorney of Michigan, Danhof by name, dangling the timber acres of the Oregon & California Railroad grant before eighty-one eager individuals of his part of the country and hooking them into the United States Court as "intervenor" in the suit of the government to wrest the land away from the railroad. Other eager ones in various Eastern states are likely victims of lawyers angling for fees and business. They all seek to claim the land as "actual settlers" and pay the railroad \$2.50 an acre therefor, although they never saw the tracts they want and probably never will, and of course can come no nearer than 2,000 miles to filing the essential requirements of residence on the land and improvement thereof.

Attorney Danhof sets up that his clients are willing to begin actual settlement if the railroad on its side would comply with the original terms of the land grant. But the first necessary move is that of the settler—he must make his home on the land. The grant was made for the purpose of planting settlers on the land and it expressly shuts out all other persons. No other man or woman, therefore, can establish the slightest claim to any railroad tract. Nor does this statement of the

case imply that actual settlers can establish a valid claim. That is a doubtful question for the courts to decide. The final decree may take many years and death and dissolution may outpace it. Besides, if the government should wrest the land away from the railroad the tracts may be at once "Pinchotized"—barred from settlement and use.

The original intent of Congress is clear. The high-handed violation of the law by the railroad through a generation is perfectly plain. The injustice to individuals is manifest. The resultant blight on the progress of the country is widely visible. But through the maze of law and quibble the final outcome for the actual settler is clouded. But it may be accepted as a verity that for any than actual settlers there can be no valid claim.

Repeated warnings of The Oregonian have deterred many persons from this foolhardy game. But it seems that the warnings need to be repeated often.—Oregonian.

PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER.

SURVEYING human life with a philosophical eye, the conclusion is obvious that so far as years are concerned men do not live long enough to grow old. Old people everywhere encounters, but rarely old people who are old on account of years. Severe illness sometimes cripples the limbs and sears the countenance and gives the outward seeming of age; but it cannot control the mind and the soul, and many men and women who look old are really young. There are those, it is true, who by reckless living bring on decrepitude at an early age, and those who cultivate pessimism and cynicism, losing healthy interest in life. Such persons become old, but not on account of their years. Cheerful octogenarians and nonagenarians are young in spirit. The age of a human being is best gauged by his soul, and Dr. Holmes talked with characteristic homely practicality when he described himself at three score and ten as "seventy years young."

Sir J. A. Baines, president of the Royal Statistical Society of Great Britain, threw out suggestions in his annual address, a few days ago, which led London newspaper reporters to seek interviews on the subject of how far, compared with former times, youthfulness is protracted in the present constitution of society. A member of the Royal Statistical Society expressed the opinion that elderly people now appear to maintain a greater efficiency than they did years ago. He thought this largely due to the great growth in medical skill, and also to the fact that people—particularly those in responsible positions—study their physical fitness far more than used to be the case. The man of forty-five or fifty appears today, by careful dieting, golf and healthy exercise generally, to keep himself far more alert and youthful looking than his father or grandfather was at a similar age.

The middle-aged head of a city firm informed one of the London reporters that men in the city preserve their efficiency now-a-days far longer than formerly. He added: "I know old men, as you may call them, who still bear upon their shoulders the responsibilities of some big concern. Years ago they would have been sitting at home in their slippers at such an age."

The manager of a city bank who was asked to state his views on the subject said:

"Elderly men study their appearance far more than they used to do. They wear collars and ties and styles in dress which make them look smart and youthful. From my experience it certainly seems that the elderly man is very loth to leave the scene of his activities nowadays. I put it down to ours being an abstemious age. Directly a man has a small ailment he goes straight to his physician. What the medical man tells him to do he does exactly. His one desire is to keep fit, and he manages to do so."

There is something in this. Public sanitation has improved greatly, and that also has much to do with the phenomenon. The average age of the people of every long-established community at the present time is probably higher than at any previous time for several generations—and this in spite of the bustle and hurly-burly and excitement characteristic of the era. There are still, of course, thousands who wear them-

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MYSTERIES OF THE SEA.

Some things there are which puzzle me,
For knowledge I'm athirst:
Why is it that one bound to sea
Must weigh the anchor first?

Do hungry crews upon the main
When other rations fail
And search for sustenance is vain,
Eat leg-o'-mutton sail?

Do buoys at sea play in the yards
Just as boys do on shore?
And why do captains down on cards
Take one good deck or more?

Of "jolly skippers" I've been told,
Yet stern men oft are they:
And sometimes runs the "sailor bold"
Before the wind away.

How many ropes—of queries now
I'll answer give to one—
Needs full-rigged ship? Well, you'll allow
If full-rigged she needs none.

Do skippers skip the ropes with zest
When sailing waters blue?
Once when a mate lay down to rest
His gallant ship lay to.

Do catboats carry cats for crews?—
They'd quickly climb the rigs—
And do they keep within their mews
Seahorses for their gigs?

Do people use the pronoun "she"
Because a ship has stays,
Or those long ribbons can it be
She at her waist displays?

If skysail on a ship you place,
An airship then is she?
The flying jib on ships that race
Seems hardly fit at sea.

Where vessels plow to seaweeds grow?
Salt fish in salt sea play?
When strong winds 'gainst light-houses blow,
Why don't they blow away?

According to the almanac, this is
The open season for shooting stars.

When one man tells another that
his baby is pretty he usually adds:
"It must look like its mother."

Money makes the mare go. And
Mr. Rockefeller hopes it will have
the same effect on the lazy bug.

Hips are to come back into style
again, thus justifying the fore-
thought of the woman who saved
hers.

As soon as a man is elected to
office a lot of fellows who didn't
vote for him begin to advise him
what to do.

A Montana bride ate twenty biscuits
of her own baking. Not necessarily
for publication, but as an evidence
of good faith.

We can't help liking the American
girl who has refused to marry a foreign
nobleman because she can't
pronounce his name.

Harvard scientists have discovered
that the turkey has appendicitis.
A successful operation was performed
on several on Coos Bay on Christmas
Day.

Halley's comet's tail is to brush
the earth next May. At that time,
we presume, and we didn't get the
idea from an astronomer, there'll be
no flies on the earth.

Selfies out early because they refuse
to take ordinary precautions for the
preservation of their health. But in
spite of this, and in spite of everything,
the average age of human beings
in civilized countries seems to be
increasing. It is an interesting
and pleasing fact.

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NOVEMBER 16, 1909.

Condensed from the official statement as called for by the state
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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$93,283.90
Overdrafts 213.79
Bonds, securities, etc. 25,207.80
Banking house, furniture and fixtures .. 57,181.25
Cash and due from banks 51,750.50

LIABILITIES

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Undivided profits ... 4,496.15
Deposits 123,201.09

\$227,697.24

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