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TOO MUCH LAW.

SENT Oregon befogging herself with a multiplicity of laws? Is there not as much danger in an excess of laws, as in the public indifference to what the books already contain? and will not this growing difference later become contempt? We had better hold our horses a bit and give the people a chance to absorb some fraction of the law as it stands and not bury the public conscience beneath an avalanche of undigested and unacknowledged law.

ORIGIN OF WORD "DOPE."

There is probably not one man in 10,000 who lets the word "dope" fall so trippingly from his lips who knows the origin of that slangy, but useful term. Though originally applied only to the drug of the opium-smoking fiend, whereby wild imaginings born in the clouded brain were taken by the victim as true, by almost universal usage it has come to mean the essential factor or material cause of anything done or said—the influencing or moving cause that enables one to achieve success in his efforts, to "arrive," as the French put it.

"The word, while not of Chinese origin, originated among the Chinese of San Francisco," said an old resident of the Pacific coast. "Years ago, when that city was full of opium-smoking joints run by orientals from China, they were largely patronized by many of the depraved white men of the town. Now, Chinese is a monosyllable language, there being no word in it with more than one syllable. Accordingly, when a Chinese learns English he is prone to pick and use only the most prominent syllable in a word, disposing of the rest by a mere breathing or grunt.

"When a white man would enter one of the San Francisco opium joints the Chinese proprietor would come forward and ask affably: 'You want 'ope?' 'The word 'ope' being the Chinese pronunciation of the English word 'opium,' formed by emphasizing the first syllable and letting the rest of the word go by the board. This, owing to the liquid running together of the two words, 'want' and 'opium,' was understood by the would-be opium smoker as 'dope.' Accordingly, the little pill that brought the funny dreams was spoken of among the initiated as 'dope.' From this the transition to the meaning of the fanciful images conjured by the drug was easy. 'What dope did you use to think up that wild story?' because 'What dope are you giving us?'"

LUMBER SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

Portland's lumber exports for 1910 will break all previous records, and there has been a large business handled from other Coast ports. With the lumber output of the state and of the Pacific Northwest exceeding that of any prior year, it is somewhat surprising to find the market so demoralized that lumber is selling

A GOOD CREED FOR COOS BAY.

Coos Bay should have a creed which every live citizen can endorse. The Times suggests the following:
I believe in Coos Bay, her people and her interests.
I believe in her natural beauties and attractions.
I believe in her merchants, her manufacturers and her future.
I believe in her many educational advantages and will work to increase them.
I believe in attracting and welcoming worthy people.
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OBSERVATIONS

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It is well, when a man makes up his mind on any matter, to inquire a second time, to see if some of his reasons are not dinky reasons; that is, little, trifling, temperamental reasons that are quite apart from the deep and lasting truth involved in the subject.

We often judge events and propositions from the standpoint of convenience, prejudice, mere taste or personal association. That practice is fatal to the truth. A man will make up his mind on the most trivial circumstance and direct his whole life by it. No wonder there is so much disappointment and complaining; no wonder so much gloom and pessimism.

Every man, if he looks out, will find great headlands of truth to steer his craft by. These he should discover that he may be directed aright. They are always there if he looks. They are the compass and the North Star, which if one does not find, he will be apt to stray into the jungle and desert and be lost.

The point is a practical one—whatever opinion a man may have on any subject, let him feel that he is in honor bound to see that the foundations of that belief are deep laid and firm. A man's faith is regarded of too little consequence, and that is the reason why much of it is so poor.

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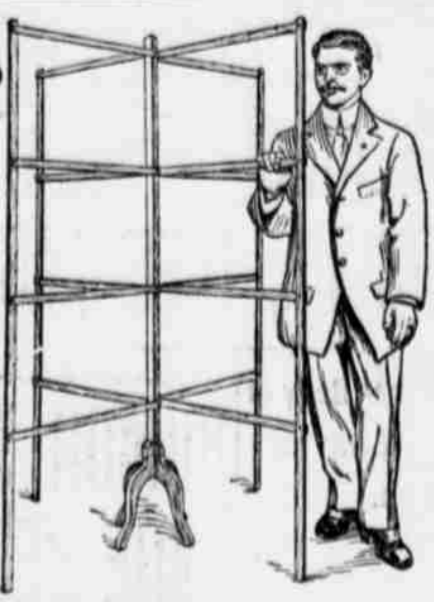
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