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IN A general way it may be said that home rule confers upon Ireland substantially the rights that are now enjoyed by the American states.

In form the Irish government will be much like that of Canada. Ireland will become a member of the British union on much the same terms as Canada, with this difference that Ireland will continue to be represented in the English parliament, although by a reduced vote.

Ulster, that part of Ireland lying contiguous to Scotland, and settled by Scotch, threatens insurrection in the face of this tendency to decentralization. But Britain, by the very necessities of the situation, can never be anything but a union of more or less independent states.

It is interesting, at a time when the American union is tending more and more to nationality, to note the progress of Britain in the other direction.

As we are going to executive leadership, Britain emphasizes the powers of the House of Commons, says an exchange. As we enact national regulation for the state, Britain makes Ireland almost independent of national supervision.

With America as a union and Britain as a confederation of states, the English speaking experiment in self-government will be given a most practical demonstration in the next twenty-five years.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

IT CERTAINLY costs to live. In this country the one overtopping item of the list is \$125,000,000,000 a week spent for foods. Economy has centered largely upon this, where the now recognized weak point is distribution. The road from production to consumption is too long and has too many twists.

But only second on the list is the expenditure for women's and children's clothing—\$30,000,000 a week. Of this amount, \$20,000,000, according to dry goods, seems to be expended for materials just made up in the homes, which is a surprising percentage.

Men's clothes, made practically all in shops, adds less than half what women's wear does to the total. It stands at only \$13,000,000. This amount does not include shoes, which cost \$3,000,000 a week, nor hats and millinery. Nor do we understand that it includes such incidentals as underwear.

If anyone should attempt to compare men's expenditures with those of women the latter would at once revert to their invariable argument: "But what of liquor and cigars?" Maybe the point is well taken, says an exchange. These luxuries are at least as useless as corsets at from \$5 to \$25 per.

FACT VERSUS JURISDICTION

IF A PERSON is declared to be insane by a County Court and that person makes reasonable contention that he is not insane, there should not the fact be determined by a jury of twelve men, just as any other fact is determined which affects the property interests or the liberty of the individual?

As it appears, that question is about to be presented to the Oregon Supreme Court, and for the first time in the history of that tribunal. The Supreme Court will answer the question according to the law of the case. Whatever the answer may be, we will have no right to quarrel with it so far as the Supreme Court is concerned; but in the common conception of right and wrong, of that which is just and unjust to the individual, the matter is discussible.

The real issue in this case will be that of the jurisdiction of the County Court versus the allegation of fact. The Coos County tribunal pronounced Charles Sneddon insane. Mr. Sneddon protested his sanity and the case was tried by a jury who decided that he was sane, and ordered his release from custody. It was the judgment of twelve minds against that of the Court and on a question of fact, which is conceded to be the special province of a jury. The step that follows makes it appear as if the court was pleading a defense of its dignity.

It contends that its jurisdiction is final, and to the lay mind that contention ignores the question of fact altogether. The layman must believe that the question of fact is the important question, and more especially when it involves the liberty or the restraint of an individual citizen. The real issue in which the party chiefly concerned and society itself is interested is that of sanity or insanity. To the common mind the jurisdiction of the court is a secondary matter, and common folk will believe that the law should be more concerned with the fact than with the powers and dignity of the court.

It will be especially interesting in

this case to note if the law shall sustain the common conception of that which is just.—Portland Telegram.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

Virtue would not go far did not vanity escort her.—La Rochefoucauld.

THE EVERLASTING YEA Enough of doubt's benumbing sting. Enough of ceaseless questioning: With sudden flash of certitude Let me affirm that life is good.

Enough of dull, denying grief And answers that are not belief; When all the cries of life are heard, Let Love be given the closing word.

Let pride be trampled into clay. That higher Will may work its way. And strong resolve be fed anew With dawning vision of the True.

Shall I supinely give my breath To mere negation, which is death, And through the shadowed valleys go Asserting that I do not know?

Led by the Godhood that is born To willing souls each arisen morn On peaks of sunrise let me greet The wondrous passing of his feet.

Seeing in fragrant, let me guess— The Great suggested by the less— The Pure misfashioned in the mire. And sin itself a purging fire.

Some Coos Bay men are always up and doing—others.

Cause and effect—whiskey straight, crooked walk.

Two pennies jingle louder than two ten dollar bills.

Two Front street business men were discussing another Coos Bay man, when one of them said he was fifty-five years old and not much of anything else.

One of the greatest lessons of life is to know how and when to keep silent.

Keep your feet warm even if you get the cold shoulder.

Some Coos Bay people apparently have plenty of logic but lack common sense.

Help is scarce in harvest time for the fellow who has sown a lot of wild oats.

One swallow does not make a summer but many swallows make a summer.

An idle rumor gains currency; an idle man doesn't.

In order to start some Coos Bay men, you have to get out and crank.

Bind your book of life with the cover of good deeds.

Our heads are intended for something more than to set our hats on.

Don't throw dust at your neighbor, lest it blow back on you.

Don't be an offer—a doer is more to be admired.

News From Nearby Towns

GRADUATES AT COQUILLE

The following are the names of the members of the Coquille High School class of 1914, who graduated and received their diplomas at Masonic Hall:

Carrie Alice Stanley, Beulah Luella Price, Imogene Helen Alexson, George Edwin Oerding, Irvin Watson, Naomi Knowlton, Erma Cullin, Alice Cullin, Raymond Frederick Miller, Andrew Clifford Kern and Georgia Watson.—Coquille Sentinel.

CAPT. BERGMAN'S GARDEN.

Captain Bergman enjoyed new peas and carrots raised in his own garden. And he also had gooseberry pie made from gooseberries grown in his back yard. Of course it is well known that the captain is an exceptional gardener, but he claims anybody can do the same on any lot in Florence if they try.—Florence Pilot.

ROSEBURG MEN RETURN.

C. E. Gray and Prof. A. C. Crews returned here last night from Marshfield, where they had spent a few days looking over the country. They made the trip by private conveyance and report about twelve miles of bad road, but otherwise they enjoyed the trip.—Roseburg Review.

TO BOOM GARDINER.

J. H. Austin, of Gardiner, left on the afternoon train today on his return home, after looking after business matters here for a few days. He says a Chamber of Commerce is to be organized at Gardiner soon.—Roseburg Review.

RETURNS TO ROSEBURG.

According to John VanBrundt, who recently returned here, after several weeks spent at North Bend, Coos county, L. E. Milledge, formerly of this city, is engaged in the confectionery business there. Mr. VanBrundt says Mr. Milledge was one of the finest stores in North Bend and is doing a splendid business.—Roseburg Review.

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