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THE NEW WOMAN.

We desire to call the attention of Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw and Mrs. Catt to the doings of the new woman in the states where the ladies are in all political respect our fellow-citizens and vote and fight, says the Call. The only warm state on election day was Colorado, where the ladies did their share of red hot work at the polls and were as ready to fight as to vote.

The record is such as to make us fear that woman suffrage, instead of taming and gentling politics, has overcome the calm manners of the gentler sex, and that our sister woman has no more scruples in out-tricking the opposition than we have. Women are by no means contented in the suffrage state to vote or scratch tickets nominated for them by men. They go to the primaries and do more than their share of persuading results in the conventions. One thing is noticeable: they are not inclined to plump for ladies who are candidates for office, but quarrel over men.

In Wyoming women voted when it was a territory and, therefore, had the power to perpetuate their right in the state constitution. They do not as generally seek office there as they do in Colorado, Utah and Idaho, but they are in the show for all that. The latest news from Wyoming tells us of a duel between two ladies living on ranches near Fort Bridger. They had fought in the road several times and finally issued to each other a warning that the next combat would be a gun fight. It was. They met armed with revolvers and fought and fired until both fell and one was killed. The survivor, with several serious wounds, is in jail, putting up the old masculine plea of self-defense.

It is a far cry from knitting needle to a revolver, from a broomstick to a gun in the hands of lovely woman, and we are not prepared to say that society will be the gainer from the change of instruments and occupations. When the woman militant masters the manual of arms the tyrant man would better surrender his latch key and vacate his seat on the mackerel kit at the corner grocery, lest he get an indigestible dose of cold lead. We measure the distance to the caller while we ask, in anxiety of mind and fear of personal danger, whether woman suffrage has advanced public virtue and morality and whether women have refined politics or politics has coarsed women. We are prepared to dodge missiles and await the answer, but not calmly.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

The New York Evening Post computes the world's wheat crop for 1904 at 2,960,000,000 bushels, which is 233,556,000 bushels less than in 1903, and 140,181,000 bushels less than in 1902. But with the exception of these years, the 1904 crop, if it amounts to the quantity stated, will be larger than for any year previous to 1902, fully 300,000,000 bushels larger than the crop of 1900, and 725,000,000 larger than the crop of 1897, when "Joe" Leiter tried to corner wheat and forced the price up to \$1.80 a bushel. In 1898, as now, there was a war, which always has a tendency to increase the demand for wheat and stiffen prices. It is also to be remembered that the consumption of wheat—the king of cereals—increases from year to year.

The United States crop is estimated by the Post at 551,000,000 bushels, or about 87,000,000 less than last year's.

The European crop is estimated at 1,600,000,000 bushels, or nearly 200,000,000 less than the crop of 1903. Thus it appears that the shortage is in the sections where the demand is greatest. The United States has often had a large surplus of wheat for export. But neither last season nor this can any such quantity of wheat be spared, even at the attractive prices Europe will pay, as has been exported in grain or flour in many previous years. The consumption of wheat in this country increases more rapidly than the increase in population, and the American people will pay the top price for flour to keep it at home in sufficient quantities. The strong demand of the millers is responsible for the high prices that have prevailed in the Chicago wheat pit and at the milling centers rather than the price at Liverpool. Thus it happens that the old saying that Liverpool fixes the prices the American farmer or southern planter shall receive for his wheat or cotton is exploded. That is illustrated, says the Ledger, by the fact that the Tacoma millers have bid higher for wheat at this port than the exporters during the present season. Liverpool has had to raise her quotations in order to at-

tract wheat. The price has been fixed in this country, not abroad.

A SELF-IMPOSED TYRANNY.

What has become of the "comie spirit" upon which George Meredith used to pride himself? In advocating marriages for a limited period only—the period of bringing up a family—he is voicing an idea as old as Plato. If the truth were known it would probably be found to be quite as old again as Plato. And in these matters age does not lend dignity or authority, says the Saturday Evening Post.

The trouble with all such propositions is that they ignore the essential principle of human institutions. If social laws were mere arbitrary enactments, emanating from Mars or from the moon, successful rebellion against them would, perhaps, be possible. But they are the deliberate and hard-won expression of the deepest necessities of man. In point of fact, monogamous marriages, as the latest authorities assure us, are not merely a human arrangement—they are found in the animal world, and were in all probability evolved aeons before the anthropoidal ape.

It is, of course, inevitable that law should work wrong to many individuals, that the social ideal should bear upon many men and women with crushing tyranny. It is also true that certain well-recognized motives urge men and women to live alone, to change partners, even to indulge in a grand right and left. But such motives are exceptional and aberrant. It is possible that in the past they have been unduly condemned; but it is not possible that in their behalf the great institutions of life should ever be radically changed. As long as the human race remains what it is it will love, honor and live in mutual obedience to all high impulses until death.

Holmes somewhere remarks that if social anarchy were to reduce all property to ashes some promoter would arise and make a fortune out of potash. It is but varying the epigram to say that if marriage was abolished the severed couples would move heaven and earth to put their necks again under the conjugal yoke. In Mr. Meredith's earlier years nothing would have been more delightful to his comie spirit than to write the novel of an advanced, an Ibsene couple who attempt the social revolt in behalf of free love, only to find that their human hearts are human.

THE NEW CHINESE TREATY.

During the campaign there was some loose and wild talk about the new treaty with China, made necessary by the denunciation of the existing convention. It was stated, for political effect, that the new treaty would terminate the exclusion policy of the United States. It is known now as it was then, by all who chose to be fair, that the new treaty does no such thing. Secretary Hay has taken advantage of the opportunity to improve our trade relations with China, in the interest of this coast. There will be liberal treatment of Chinese merchants and some of the obstructive definitions will be abolished. This is approved by sentiment throughout the country.

Our trade exchanges with China depend now and will always depend upon the domestication of Chinese merchants and bankers in our commercial centers. They seek to do just what all commercial people practice. Since China first gave open ports, European and American merchants have established themselves there to promote trade. They are in Shanghai, Canton and other Chinese ports. If the trade of China is worth seeking, Chinese merchants are entitled to equality of treatment. This will be secured in the new treaty, and following our many acts of friendship for that empire it will have a wholesome effect upon our oriental commerce.

All the world considers Chinese trade as the great prize of future commerce. Our fair share of it may well reach stupendous proportions, but we cannot get it by treating Chinese merchants and bankers with contempt and devoting them to outlawry. Secretary Hay knows the sentiment of our merchants in the matter and simply proposes to respect it. It has been stated by our commercial bodies time and again, and was instrumental in modifying some of the merely fanatical features that were proposed in the present exclusion law. It will be necessary for our merchants to watch the new treaty when it reaches the senate, for influences may appear there seeking to amend it so as to treat merchants as coolies are treated, which will be unjust to them and, like all injustice, will react upon those who permit it.

Mexico real estate, city and suburban, has gone up from 200 to 500 per cent in the last few years. The city is being rebuilt with American capital, business and residential sections alike; trolleys run to all the suburban towns, and these are being rebuilt also in costly and substantial style. The city shows all up to date improvements in construction and equipment, and the signs likewise of abundant prosperity. It is every year becoming a more attractive and delightful place for permanent residence, and more and more foreigners, attracted by its beauty and healthfulness, are taking up their abode there. The country at large shows the good effects of a wise administration going over the full period of a generation; it builds more railroads, opens more mines and gets richer year by year, keeping out of the revolutions in which most of the Latin-American republics fritter away the little prosperity that comes to them.

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LANE COUNTY SETS THE PACE.

New Collecting Material for Fine Exhibit at Fair.

Eugene Register.

F. M. Warren was named Friday by the Commercial Club committee as collector of the Lane county exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair.

Recently the county court set aside \$500 toward this exhibit, and the fair board has given a like amount, making the initial fund \$1000. Mr. Warren already has in fine grains, grasses and fruits fully \$500 worth of products, and by the time the fair opens Lane will be on deck with as fine a display of products as can be found in the state.

Mr. Warren, through his two years' experience in getting together Lane's exhibit for the state fair, is thoroughly equipped for the work, having done well by the county heretofore, though handicapped for lack of funds.

For this great national occasion the people of Lane should spare neither time nor money in a supreme effort to put before the hundreds of thousands of visitors to Oregon next year a magnificent demonstration of the richness and productiveness of this section; of the progress and enterprise of her citizenship; of the stability and solidity of her business interests and of the ambition of Lane and her people to be known far and wide as the center of activity in every line known to western development.

Should Add Our Courses. Commercial News.

The New York Young Men's Christian Association has undertaken to give

a 12 weeks' course in automobile work to those who wish to become chauffeurs. There will be a series of illustrated lectures by a Columbia college professor on steam, gasoline and electric vehicles; a second course will deal with designing and drawing and will likewise be under the direction of a Columbia professor, while the third, last, and most important course will be in operative work. This is very humane work, indeed, but it is not quite complete. There should also be a course of instruction for those who may have to dodge the machines.

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