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retired and replaced by younger men, and he naively concludes his warning talk in this characteristic fashion: "You see," he says, "that I can say all this because I am old myself." Here we have two expert opinions on the merits of important branches of the Government service one a defense and the other a warning. Will the warning be heeded?

**MERCIFUL INTENT.**

According to dispatches army ordnance experts have just concluded a series of experiments with a new shell filled with an anaesthetic which the inventor believed was destined to rob war of a great deal of its terrors. According to his plan the enemy was to be bombarded with such shells which upon exploding would release a powerful anaesthetic in the form of gas. He was confident that the anaesthetic would be powerful enough to put a whole regiment to sleep and make it possible to capture the soldiers without killing or wounding them. The experiments, however, did not bear out the correctness of the inventor's theory. The tests were made on the Sandy Hook proving grounds. The test resulted in a flat failure. The gas did not even put a single rabbit to sleep.

Great success could have been attained had the ordnance board hired a prosy speaker and compelled a regiment to listen to him.

**REGISTER, OR QUIT.**

The registration books for the city primary election opened yesterday at the office of the City Auditor; they will remain open until 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon next. It is absolutely essential for every republican to register this week, or his vote and influence in the pending campaign will prove nil. The registration of voters for the general election will be opened at the same office on November 16th and will remain open until 4 o'clock on the afternoon of December 9th, and again the republican of Astoria must register or quit. Therefore, every man of the party who fails in these signal duties must go on record as a "quitter," a title not very digestible, nor pertinent to the party as such. Register, and fight; neglect to register, and QUIT.

**FOR RENT**—A large, up-to-date, elegantly equipped hotel, within easy reach of rail and water terminals, upon the finest site in the city. Terms moderate; apply to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, at its Bond street rooms, in this city, on Monday, November 6th.

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**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that the registration books of the city of Astoria, for the primary nominating election to be held in this city on Monday the 13th day of November, 1905, will be opened at the Auditor's office in the city hall, on Monday the 23rd day of October, 1905, and will close for said primary election on the 7th day of November, 1905, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., said registration books will be again opened on Thursday the 16th day of November, 1905, for the general election to be held in this city on Wednesday the 13th day of December, 1905, and will close on Saturday, the 9th day of December, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m. All persons must register in order to be entitled to vote.

Dated, Astoria, Oregon, October, 21st, 1905.

**OLOF ANDERSON,**  
Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria.

**WEATHER TODAY.**

Portland, Oct. 23.—Western Oregon and Western Washington: Tuesday, occasional rain. Eastern Oregon: Fair. Eastern Washington: Cloudy, with rain in Northern portion.

**CAME TOO SOON.**

The universal arraignment of the great insurance companies came unseasonably. It arrived in time to save the policy holders from ultimate loss and, perhaps, ruin. Having been spared the actual pinching of down-right deprivation, their interest is of a superficial sort and their participation in any scheme of punishment for those who have wantonly robbed them without their knowing it at the moment of perpetration, will be half-hearted and wholly glamourised by the vast compass of millions they, themselves, have contributed to the companies. The present, conscious sense of loss is what stirs the ordinary American to active reprisals, not the vague intangible idea that he has paid out too much for anything; he lets that go with a grim grin, and straightens it out in the next negotiation; this is what is meant by the unseasonableness of the exposure. It should have gone on until the crash came, and then the national wrath would have accomplished wonders of reform where the mere warning has put both the companies and their victims on guard against anything crushingly radical in the way of extenuation. The fleeing may stop, and will stop, in the broad light that has been cast upon the tremendous steal, but the millions are still with the corporate thieves and will be with them when the last is heard of the exposure. The Federal and State Governments will interfere and put the companies in such a position that they cannot repeat their fleeing operations, and the policy-holders will account this an adequate adjustment of the wrongs done them and will go on insuring just the same. It is too bad the search-light was turned on before the climax of the crime; the men who have achieved such immense villainy will still find means to get, and hold, the better of the people at large. Millions mean immunity.

**LET THEM ENGAGE EITHER.**

Secretary Taft comes promptly to the defense of the army in reply to certain attacks of the German press. It is but a skeleton of an army he admits, but in case of war there would be no trouble in filling it out to any required proportions. He admits, too, that the American army is lacking in the educational benefits that are derived from extensive maneuvers on the mimic field of battle. But he emphatically asserts that our army is in an excellent state of efficiency and that in all respects, man for man, it will challenge comparison with any army in the world. In another strain are Admiral Dewey's comments on the navy. The old sailor boldly makes the claim that the nation would surely meet with disaster in a naval war unless younger men are given command of the fighting ships. In proof of this he calls attention to the fact that in the recent war in the Far East all the officers of the Japanese navy, from the admiral down, were in the prime of life. He wants the older officers rapidly

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