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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Occasional light rain.

GRATIFYING ACHIEVEMENT.

The statement by the secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church that, in consequence of nearly a half century of labor and the expenditure of millions, in China and Korea, the practice of foot-binding has largely ceased among converts is gratifying. Nothing could be more important to the salvation of the soul than soothing the feet. There is the bishop who will not swear when you tread on is corn and who is Christian with a bunion? Moreover, bound feet must be deleterious to the health. When the 399,900,000 Chinese who have not been converted have been gathered into the fold, the W. F. M. S. might resolve itself into a W. H. M. S. and start missionary labor in the American field, with the hope of driving out the corset which doctors of body and doctors of soul alike condemn as unhealthful; although it is doubtful if the civilized and Christian American woman would yield her vanity as docilely as have the meek and lowly orientals.

STAND PAT.

There is an opportunity this year, never before offered, for any good citizen to aspire to any political office he wishes. Politicians who have heretofore been candidates before a party convention, now can go before the voters, tell them of their qualifications for the office and make promises, which are seldom fulfilled, and ascertain for themselves, just how popular they are. There are abundant opportunities yet, before the 5th of April for many more candidates to file their petitions and declare their principles, and none should be backward. If they do not so desire, it is to be hoped they will not be so unselfish as to cast any unjust reflections on those gentlemen who are not afraid to go before the people, and abide by the will of the people. There certainly can be no legitimate excuse for not supporting the ticket nominated at the primary nominating election, and every Republican who votes at that election, is in honor bound to vote for the nominees at the June election.

It is within the range of possibilities that God Almighty, in his infinite wisdom, has never created a man, whose meritorious qualifications for office will meet with the approval of every man, but when one remembers, that very few of us are responsible for being here, the faults accumulated since childhood should not be considered in selecting men to represent the people in the various county and state positions, as well as in the legislative halls. If a man is Republican in principle, he should stand upon those principles. If a man believes in the doctrine of the Democratic or Socialist party, he should stand upon those doctrines. No man can serve two masters, is an axiom that applies with peculiar force to politics. There can be no half and half Republican or quarter breed in any political organization, and expect success for the party at the polls. Judas betrayed the Saviour for thirty pieces of silver. Don't be a Judas in politics. Be a man or a mouse. Be something. Stand or fall by your party, or eliminate politics from your every pay day life and take no part either in the primaries or the election.

TARIFF TINKERING.

The foreign commerce of the United States for the calendar year probably will exceed one billion dollars according to statistics compiled by the federal bureau of commerce and labor. This will be an increase of more than \$200,000,000 over 1904. Despite German retaliatory schedules, the Chinese boycott and the difficulties of delivering goods in the present consequences of the blockade of certain ports—a gain of 25 per cent has been made. This country has imported material for manufacture to the value of more than \$422,980,000 and exported manufactures to the value of more than \$424,000,000. Manufacturers' materials imported were nearly twice the value of the same articles in 1890 and manufactures exported are nearly four times the value. The advance shown indicates general prosperity and sustains the contention that this is a good time for tariff tinkering or other legislative experiments on business conditions.

MILITARY SNOBBERY.

A first lieutenant of the Eighty Infantry has been fined \$50 and ordered confined to the limits of Fort Sheridan one month by a court-martial which considered charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. While traveling recently with a squad of privates, the officer left the men in tourists cars and took a berth in a Pullman. His duty was not to lose sight of the men under any circumstances, and since tourists tickets had been provided for all, it was manifestly his duty to stay in the power-car. Our Democratic army knows no distinctions of comfort and convenience what induces the private must suffer the officer. Such snobbery as has crept into the service exists through evasions of the spirit and letter of the law.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A short consultation with Colonel Bryan ought to convince the Chinese boycotters that they know comparatively little about the faults of the American government.

The Clatsop county Democrats are sitting on the fence waiting for the Republican primaries. Their show don't open until the 21st of April.

Under the new rules, cabinet officers must do as they are told and say nothing; but under the constitution they are still allowed freedom of thought.

"Do you think it honest for a man to accept money for a campaign fund," asked the Astoria Republican warhorse. "Why, ye," answered the Democratic citizen, "if he really turns it over to the fund."

So long as Jim Steffen and Tom Lawson survive the country will be able to struggle along without government supervision of a few things.

Almost time to inquire about the solvency of the surety companies which give bonds for the fidelity of officials of various kinds.

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How the Average Citizen Is Ignored In Our System of Government



By
JANE ADDAMS.
Hull House,
Chicago

THE two points at which government is developing most rapidly at the present moment are naturally the two in which it GENUINELY EXERCISES ITS FUNCTION—in relation to the vicious and in relation to the poor and dependent.

The juvenile courts which the large cities are inaugurating are supplied with probation officers, whose duty it is to ENCOURAGE THE WAVERING VIRTUES of the wayward boy and keep him out of the police courts, with their consequent penal institutions—a real recognition of social obligation.

As the juvenile courts are beginning to take an interest in the SOCIAL LIFE OF A CHILD in order to prevent arrest, on the same principle the reform schools are inaugurating the most advanced education in agriculture and manual arts. A bewildered foreign parent comes from time to time to Hull House asking that his boy be sent to a school to learn farming, basing his request upon the fact that his neighbor's boy has been sent to "a nice green country place." It is carefully explained that the neighbor's boy was BAD and was arrested and sent away on account of his badness, and it is quite possible sometimes to make clear to the man that the city assumes that he is looking out for himself and taking care of his own boy, but it ought to be further possible to make him see that IF HE FEELS THAT HIS SON NEEDS THE EDUCATION OF A FARM SCHOOL IT LIES WITH HIM TO AGITATE THE SUBJECT and to vote for the candidate who will secure such schools. He might well look amazed were this advice tendered him, for these questions have never been presented to him to vote upon.

Because he does not easily discuss the tariff or other REMOTE SUBJECTS, which the political parties present to him from time to time we assume that he is not to be trusted to vote on the education of his child. The ancestors of this same immigrant, from the days of bows and arrows, doubtless taught their children those activities which seemed valuable to them.

Again, we build enormous city hospitals and almshouses for the defective and dependent, but for that great mass of people just beyond the line from which they are constantly recruited we do PRACTICALLY NOTHING. We are afraid of the notion of governmental function which would minister to the primitive needs of the mass of people, although we are quite ready to care for him whom misfortune or disease has made the exception.

IT IS REALLY THE RANK AND FILE, THE AVERAGE CITIZEN, WHO IS IGNORED BY GOVERNMENT, WHILE HE WORKS OUT HIS REAL PROBLEMS THROUGH OTHER AGENCIES AND IS SCOLDED FOR STAYING AT HOME ON ELECTION DAY.

In What Condition Are We To Leave This Country?

By President WILLIAM J. TUCKER of Dartmouth College

THE greatest safeguard in all activities is DISCRIMINATION. People are learning this power, although a great many have not become acquainted as yet with the world. Let us not discriminate between the large and small among men and beings, but those of a kind. The safest thing that a man can do is to accept the challenge to take into account the power of his time, and I can conceive of no greater calamity than to be thrown into a spiritless age; better into an age of daring, and so far as possible a man should be able to INTERPRET THE JUDGMENT OF LATER TIMES.

I call attention to the fact that the power of our time will be judged according to its restraints. The laws are the RESTRAINING FORCE, and the law of a free land is the only safeguard against an increase of power. And are our laws doing this? Partially. But there still remains an amount of unrestrained power.

WE SHOULD NOT SEE HOW MUCH WE CAN ADD TO THE POWER OF OUR COUNTRY, BUT IN WHAT STATE WE ARE TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY.

Will our civilization be more lawabiding, our public institutions more secure, our church vitality well off? The answer to these questions will depend upon the estimation of power by the generation at hand and its WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO JUSTICE. The power of an age is also judged by the element of sacrifice. Will it spend the best upon itself or send it in to the ages which will follow?

It is the business of an educated man to interpret with some accuracy the clear and freer judgment of his time. If it comes to a question of MONEY AND HONESTY we'll get money at the price of honesty.

WE CALL A MAN WITHOUT REASON INSANE, AND I SAY A MAN WHO HAS LOST HIS BALANCE OF DESIRE IS MORALLY INSANE.

We cannot accept or reject power because it is such, but we must estimate it.

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Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906.
Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m.
Registration books opened after primary election, April 21.
Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 2.
Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 30.
Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state officers, May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.
Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

BE SURE AND REGISTER

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR GOVERNOR.
Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th
JAMES WITTHYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.
F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary nominating election.
EMSLEY HOUGHTON.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.
The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.
A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE PRINTER.
The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.
Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.
J. R. WHITNEY.
Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.
J. H. ACKERMAN.

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