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WEATHER.

- Oregon—Fair; not so warm interior. Western Washington—Fair. Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho—Probably showers and cooler.

SMOKE AND UPROAR.

Astoria has had her season of smoke and uproar; her chance to show her enthusiasm as a live American town by paying the customary tribute to the great national holiday; she did it all, minus loss and accident, in good hearty fashion.

THE JAP SAILORMAN.

The Japanese, as sailors, will not be accepted by the white labor organizations intimately associated with the seamen of the coast. This is to be made fully and finally apparent to the shipping interests, and it is not asking very much, either; and may have a tendency to smooth up the edges of the strike, if it is conceded.

GEORGE MITCHELL.

Public sentiment in the States of Oregon and Washington is wholly on the side of George Mitchell, the slayer of Creffield. He is on trial for a killing, that, by every law of ethics, of consanguinity, of moral reason, and public benefit, should be condoned by the court of review, if for no other cause than the appraising all successors of such as Creffield that they cannot follow their hideous and dangerous cults in this country with impunity.

A RARE JUDGE.

Judge Wofford, of Kansas, refused to hang a convicted murderer the other day, on very wholesome grounds, that invite to the earnest attention of every thinking American. The defendant was a poor, ignorant, helpless negro, who had killed a bully of his own race.

You're guilty of murder, all right, but you're a poor, ignorant black man, and I don't want to hang you. You have no friends. You have no one to plead that you were insane when you killed this man.

A conclusion at once the very essence of complete justice, and a stinging slap in the face of those idiotic Americans who are so indiscriminate and vulgar in their slobbering over the interesting criminals of the country.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

This marked difference between the number of ministers and the number of churches is seen in very nearly all of the larger denominations. Baptists, for instance, have 52,919 churches and only 37,000 ministers. Disciples of Christ have 11,033 churches and 6475 ministers; Lutherans, 13,373 churches and 7585 ministers; Presbyterians, all bodies, have 15,702 churches and 12,659 ministers; Episcopalians with 7146 churches, have but 5109 clergymen.

Ten millions for a battleship! Congress gives it out of taxes wrung from the poor, for the poor are the final payers of all taxes. That would have erected 10,000 cottages costing \$1000 each. What a boon that would have been to the poor slum population of any great city.

One of the largest department stores in Pittsburg, is crippled badly by the resignation of 36 young women, all of whom said they were to be married this month.

Shape counts for something. Miss Dona L. May of Michigan is almost perfect in mental tests but because she was short and stout she could not get a position from Uncle Sam at Washington.

RECEIVER'S NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah.

Eleanor Olmsted, plaintiff, vs. The Traders' Insurance Company, et al defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above-entitled court in the above-entitled cause receiver for the State of Oregon, of the defendant, The Traders' Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois, and that by order of the said court, all persons having claims against the said defendant, The Traders' Insurance Company, arising on policies issued in Oregon, are required to present the same to the undersigned, at the address below given on or before the 31st day of October, 1906.

Notice is further given, that all return premiums will be computed from the 5th day of May, 1906, the date of the insolvency of the said The Traders Insurance Company, and all policyholders of the said defendant company are urged to reinsure, if they have not already done so, and to present their claims properly verified promptly to the receiver with the surrender of their policies.

A. H. BIRRELL, Receiver. Address McKay Building, Portland, Oregon. Dated June 25, 1906. BEACH & SIMON, Attorneys for Receiver.

The Deadly Monotony of Men's Attire

By HENRY HOLIDAY, Famous English Artist

THE deadly gloom and monotony of men's dress—one of the scandals of the age—is traceable to CLASS INEQUALITY and the scramble for wealth. There was a time when sumptuary laws regulated the dress of the different classes, but free men did not tolerate this, and there are now no longer any sharp distinctions between the dress of the different grades of society.

John Stuart Mill declared that it was the chief aim of people to get out of one rank of society INTO THE CLASS ABOVE IT, and it follows, therefore, that each class endeavors to dress like the one above it.

The aristocrat wears a top hat, a black tubular coat and light stove-pipe trousers. The wealthy merchant or banker is compelled to dress EXACTLY THE SAME.

To introduce the smallest mark of individuality or to indicate by one's dress one's calling in life would be to lose caste. There is a ridiculous understanding in society that a gentleman is a man who does not earn his own living and it is therefore incumbent on every one "in society" to wear a dress which looks as though its owner could not do any work in it.

In the same way the larger trader copies the merchant, and the smaller tradesman apes the man above him, AND SO ON RIGHT DOWN THE SCALE, until even the workingman turns out on Sundays in the top hat, black coat and stovepipe trousers.

If there were no classes no one would be afraid of losing caste, and consequently every one would consult his own comfort and convenience in his dress.

WE CAN HOPE FOR NO RADICAL CHANGE IN OUR DRESS UNTIL WE HAVE ALTERED OUR SOCIAL SYSTEM. SO LONG AS THE GREED FOR PROFIT CONTINUES, SO LONG WILL OUR DRESS BE VULGAR.

The Menacing Future of Europe

By LORD AVEBURY (Sir John Lubbock) of England

THE enormous and wasteful military expenditure of Europe means lower wages, higher prices of the necessaries of life and HARDER WORK. It makes life a heavier and for millions an almost intolerable burden. Who that knows anything of the condition of the Russian serfs and artisans can wonder that they rise in revolution? They are OVERWORKED, UNDERPAID AND UNDERFERED.

The case of Germany is not so bad, but there also the sufferings and hard condition of the working classes, sufferings which cannot be reduced as long as the present expenditure is maintained, are leading to a rapid development of socialism.

Socialism, I fear, would only AGGRAVATE THE EVIL, but it is the protest of the masses against their hard lot. Unless something is done the condition of the poor in Europe will grow worse and worse. It is no use shutting our eyes. Revolution may not come soon, not probably in my time, BUT COME IT WILL.

AND WHEN IT DOES COME THERE WILL BE AN EXPLOSION SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN.

If the monarchs of Europe are to retain their thrones and if we are to maintain peace, European statesmen must devise some means of fostering better feelings and DIMINISHING THE BURDENS which now press so heavily on the springs of industry and aggravate so terribly the unavoidable troubles of life.

Life insurance companies are to a great extent the savings banks of the people and should by legislation be placed under as strict surveillance as national banks, and the misappropriation or embezzlement of funds by their officials should be declared to be a felony PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT in the penitentiary.

IF WARRANT CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SUCH LEGISLATION BY THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH THERE IS GRAVE DOUBT, IT SHALL RECEIVE MY SUPPORT.

The Wonderful Qualities Of the Japanese

By President CHARLES W. ELIOT of Harvard

WHAT shall we say of the yellow race? Recently in New York an attempt was made to draw a clear cut distinction. The labor orators denounced the Chinese and Japanese, implying that these races were physically, mentally and morally differentiated from us in such a degree that THEY COULD NOT BE LIVED WITH, and all we want to know about a race is, Can we live with it? A minister who had long lived in China replied that that nation had produced a high civilization when the ancestors of every man in the room were living in fur clothing in the wilderness.

We have had an excellent opportunity to see what the Japanese are like, and I wonder if there is any one who will venture to assert that they are inferior to us MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY OR MORALLY. See what an exhibition they have given us in physical strength and power in their mastery of the art of war. They actually taught the English how to fight a naval battle. No fleet in the world ever made such INTELLIGENT PREPARATIONS for battle as the surgeons of Togo's fleet. And witness the intellectual insight in the conduct of the struggle and the moral qualities in its conclusion. Yet we have the insolence to conceive of excluding Japanese from this country because of their inferiority.

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