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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.

OREGON'S NOTARIAL LAW.

For years there has been a reckless and irresponsible notarial predicate and practice in this state. Almost anyone could secure the right to perform the functions of a notary, however unfit he might be; and the proposed new law is a step in the right direction. California puts her notaries under a \$5,000 bond, and requires much in the way of endorsement from an applicant's local habitat; the lists are restricted in every county, and the office is made important and respectable, rather than being peddled out to every itinerant who thinks he can make a few paltry dollars by having a commission in his office. This has no reference to the capable man of business, who is used to affairs in which the work of a notary has place, but to the general run of men, who have never taken the trouble to note the real significance of the notarial function, and who never look into the work he is asked to confirm with his seal, taking everything for granted and doing simply what he is told; and such men as these are legion in this state, and it is to them and to their official ignorance over one-half of the blunders on the public records are due. The state cannot hedge the work and office of the notary with too much importance, for the good of those whose lives, property and interests have to pass, at times, across the desk of the notary. The office has been made far too common, and prudence dictates a radical change.

INGERSOLL'S STATUE.

The Ingersollians of the country are about to signify their deep appreciation of the great free-thinker of America, by raising a splendid monument to his memory at Peoria. Aside from the peculiar tenets he taught, this man exhibited the attribute that overshadowed the principles he contended for, the supreme right of the man to do his own thinking in a free country. Without weighing the text of the man's doctrine or lack of "doctrine," it is enough that he should be honored for the courage he manifested throughout his career, and the people who set up this emblem to his memory are doing it, perhaps, more to the honor of the idea of shackless thought and open expression, than to the mere argument he employed to make him so wonderfully conspicuous. It is time Americans were doing their own thinking along independent, honest, courageous lines, and casting aside the hampering nullities of the years, along with the men who have taught them. Every man should be an Ingersoll in spirit, not particularly of his peculiar trend; and the sooner the individual takes on his birth-right of candid, self-wrought reason and conviction, the better it will be for him and for his fellows.

THEIR "POUND OF FLESH."

There is a railway strike in the East involving five great lines and 3,000 employees, the basis of contention between them being "one cent" in the wage-scale. The men have demanded an advance of five cents per day in pay and the companies have granted them four cents a day advance. But the union

strikers must have their "pound of flesh," and they will lose 100 cents a day, for months, getting it, rather than abate the veriest fraction of the original demand. This is the sort of stuff that makes the ordinary man disgusted with strikes and strikers. There is no excuse for such hair-splitting; and it is not creditable to the men who are fighting for it. If every working man, business man and seeker after wealth should succeed in capturing four-fifths of all he went after, there would soon be no poor on this blessed old earth, and the man who will not readily relinquish one paltry fifth of his hopes with the realization of all the rest, is not entitled to much sympathy.

SPARE THE CHILDREN.

United States Senator Gallinger's bill for the protection of the children of the country, from the maws of the mines, the mills, the fields, the factories, and the streets is to be commended highly and should receive the solid backing of Congress until the President's signature has made it a vital law of the land. It provides for the emancipation of all children under fourteen years of age from all the avenues of employment, save such as are duly apprenticed to the learning of trades. It is time this country was taking a hand in looking to its coming generation and fitting it for something else than beasts of burden, hoodlums and jail-birds. All such legislation is entitled to the best and deepest thought Congress can give it, and its very unusualness should secure the Gallinger bill the right-of-way over everything and a triumphal issue from debate and vote.

BUSINESS AND REFORM.

The manufacturer who has a product in which he believes, spends thousands of dollars in buying publicity in the newspapers and magazines to tell the people of the country about the virtues of his product. We call this sort of publicity, advertising, and it is good advertising if this product lives up to the claims he makes for it. We, who are interested in reform, do precisely the same thing when we take steps to interest the newspapers and magazines in our pet theories, and if our reform is a good thing, the people of the country will stand by and back us up. In other words, advertising publicity and reform publicity both accomplish the same thing. They arouse public interest and public sentiment in favor of the object which they have in view. We have come to place a greater dependence than ever upon the power of printers' ink in molding public opinion.

It was publicity that brought about the downfall of the Louisiana Lottery. It was publicity that prepared the way for the present investigations into Standard Oil. It was a magazine article that stirred up all this talk about the conditions in Panama that finally led to the President himself going down there to investigate. Legitimate printers' ink has been foremost in the fight for pure food and for the regulation of patent medicines. It can be safely said that publicity today is the greatest power for public good in the country.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Never believe anything bad about anybody. Never tell that until you know God is listening while you whisper.

We deny the evil reports about our friends in the proportion that we love them.

Bishop Wilson declares that a post-mortem examination of his heart will reveal the map of China. So it ought to be of every ideal that controls us.

Hannibal, who was so great a strategist, and who was believed not to know human fear, studied not so much his own case as that of his enemies, and imagined before hand what they would do.

A train derailed over another road than its own takes "a pilot." He is an extra engineer that knows the road. So are silver hairs to youth—they're our pilots. To ignore them means wreckage.

GIVEN UP TO DIE.

B. Spiegel, 1204, N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much trouble and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended, and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle, I was entirely cured." T. F. Laurin.

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