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## WEATHER.

- Western Oregon—Occasional rain; cooler.
- Western Washington—Occasional rain.
- Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Rain and cooler.

## A BOLD EXPEDIENT.

It is a somewhat peculiar thing that it remained for an Oregon woman physician, Dr. Owens-Adair, of this county, to launch the audacious, yet efficacious, expedient of sterilizing the unfit of humanity, the perverts, the feeble-minded, the maniac, the sensual self-debauchee, as a means to the end of reducing our enormous burdens of taxation in the maintenance of asylums and refuges and homes for such as they, as well as minimizing the incalculable wretchedness of social conditions and family life. The doctrine is not a new one. It was known of the ancients and widely practiced under the early, despotic governments, and is yet a living phase of the codes of several "unenlightened" peoples. The system has gradually receded, however, before the eternal cry of "freedom," sounded from the van of latter-day civilization, until it has become a delicate and dangerous issue for any modern to hold, maintain or fight for.

There are countless physicians of culture and eminence, today, who know the inestimable value of the process and many of them have been bold enough to honestly avow the doctrine; but these ardent men of conviction have always gone up against the hue and cry of "personal liberty," "personal rights," and "individual freedom," and all the qualifications that beset such new and drastic ethics.

All great innovations have to be fought for courageously, untiringly, and so it will be in this instance. Luckily, the Clatsop sponsor of the new code is fundamentally equipped, by professional intelligence, loyal citizenship and personal independence and fearlessness, to wage wise and stalwart war for the generic relief of half our social ills. If the occasion shall arise, and we hope to witness her unequalled success, even if she has to invoke the referendum in the adoption of the edict.

Dr. Owens-Adair is going to Salem to confer with the leading statesmen in the matter and it cannot be doubted that they will know the measure of merit contained in her radical, sensible and thorough-going cure for a thousand evils, by the time she is through with her presentation. The career of the new and vital bill will be followed with intense interest all over the northwest.

## CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPS.

Every possible effort is now afoot at Washington and San Francisco for the harmonious adjustment of the Japanese school question now, and for months past, the pre-eminent issue in the latter city. The Californians are as loyal as any people in America to the land and its government, and will go as far as any in maintaining its honor and prestige at home and abroad, but the old spirit of '49 is in the blood there yet, and Mr. Roosevelt, his cabinet, the Senate and House, and the opposition of the whole country beyond her borders, will

not make her relinquish her right to separate her Japanese children from her white children in the schools of that state. This may as well be understood now, as well as later, for this is the hour of cure, of temporizing, of re-adjustment; and the new Japanese treaty to be drawn during the coming spring must be drawn to meet this inevitable conclusion, or there will be race riots on this coast that will mean much, war included. If the Rooseveltian policy of forcing the Jap down the California throat is adhered to. It is hoped the pending conference between the President and the school officers of San Francisco will open the eyes of the former and give him an insight that he lacks most woefully in this matter. He is able and just and not afraid to say he has blundered, and while we have no desire to hear him confess anything of the sort, we shall be glad to see him so act as to avoid the slightest impeachment of his name and fame as a "Square Dealer."

## THE GOOD OLD PROBE.

The further the probe of official inquiry is driven into the festering mess of railway usurpation and despotism on this coast, by Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, of the Interstate Commerce department of the government, the bolder and bolder are the revelations; and by the time he gets back to Washington he will have enough salutary and invincible evidence to lay before his confreres and Congress, to invoke the utter largess of their retaliatory and amendatory power; and, incidentally, the expose must be of timely value to the sitting legislatures of the country, and move them to similar courses; the predicate being ample to justify the wholesale revision of the railway laws of the land. If such a comprehensive result is negatived, or defeated, it will be quite within the ethics of the situation to cancel the codes of the country, federal, martial and state, and set up a railway regimen at once autocratic and final, barring even the right of appeal. For a government divided against itself cannot stand, and the people have a right to know, at least, who constitute their masters, and which system of normal law they are to obey.

## ICE-BELEAGUED FRIENDS.

Astoria sends her word and wish of sympathy to her ice-beleagued friends along the upper-river, and expresses the hope the prevalent southerly raging here today may reach and release them from the discomfort and peril. By some happy chance we have escaped the ice-ravage that has overtaken and distressed the metropolises and the valley towns above her on the river, and rejoicing in this, we are quick to realize and deprecate, the evil that has come to them there. If the exigency arises, and we can be assured there are no Swetenhams east of the Willamette we will despatch a boat-load of utilities into the upper bends of the Columbia. At all events, we wait with all friendly eagerness the news of their early release and the quick resumption of business up that way.

## EDITORIAL SALAD.

It was a young Scot's first sermon after he had received his license, and unfortunately he became very nervous, lost control of his voice, and spoke very loudly indeed.

Nearly all his friends went to hear him preach; but one who was unable to attend inquired at the first opportunity as to how he got on.

"I'll tell ye one thing," was the candid reply, "it's many a day since the rats in Boulton Kirk got such a fright!"

Visitor—Remember, my good man, we know not where we will be upon the morrow.

Prisoner—Well, mum, in carefully reviewing de circumstances I'd say dat dat statement hardly fits me own case.

When all parties are pledged in favor of a good railway commission law, why should anybody assume that support of such a measure in the legislature may be limited to party lines?

The beauties of the language as she is writ are made manifest when the sporting editor tells about the baseball fans warming things up in zero weather.

When the people of Washington are apprehensive of gas monopoly, it looks like a long way to hope of relief for any other city.

Probably Mark Twain gets his belief that the American people desire a monarchy from his long reign as the king of Missouri humorists.

# CONDEMNS POOLING

Practice of Railroads Criticised  
by Attorney General Hadley.

## INJUSTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Roads Are Entitled Only to Just and Reasonable Returns on Money Invested—Use Surplus for Improvement of Service.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 31.—Attorney General Hadley of Missouri in a speech before the State Bar Association annual meeting here last night, engaged in a general discussion of trusts and condemned the common practice of railroad pooling. He said in part:

The Sherman anti-trust law has been constructed by the Supreme Court of the United States as applicable to combinations by railroads and this is also the decision of the courts under the principles of the common law. Men who associate themselves together in the form of a corporation for the purpose of operating a railroad have neither a legal nor a moral right to receive more than a reasonable return on their investment. In so much as they receive more, in so much do they take from the public that which they have no right to receive. And every person who pays to a railroad an account in excess of a reasonable charge for the service rendered can recover such excess in an action at law, that is, if he can prove his facts.

"When we see the dominant personality of one of the great trunk lines of the country announce a ten per cent dividend in a clandestine manner as an incident of an international, syndicated, stock jobbing speculation; when we see the same individual use ten millions of dollars of the capital of one of the roads that he controls to buy stock in a competing line and over the hundred millions of dollars consolidation and control, do we not find therein a justification for the statement of some of those principles of our common law which declare that such transactions constitute a wrong upon the public and a perversion of corporate funds to unlawful purposes.

When the true obligations of the part of these men who are in charge of these great enterprises is considered, is it not clear that instead of using the money of the road to gamble with and to secure the control of competing lines, contrary to the principles of our common law and our state law, such money should be used to improve the roadbed, to strengthen the line, to strengthen the bridges, to increase the number and safety of the cars in order that business may be promptly and properly conducted, in order that human life may be made more secure."

## Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

## SUES TO RECOVER.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Jan. 31.—The first state bank of this city has begun suit against W. B. Dolenty to recover \$59,000, which sum it is alleged Dolenty owes the bank. It being charged that Dolenty while he was president of the financial institution borrowed \$75,000 but has failed to return all the money. The suit involves a number of unique contentions. Dolenty sold out his interest in the bank a month ago.

## THIS MAY INTEREST YOU.

No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

It's healthful, wholesome. It's good for one as the other. The more you take the better you sleep and eat. Makes people happy. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. For sale by Frank Hart.

## SAFETY DEVICES.

First Annual Exposition of Social Service Society Displays Appliances.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The first annual exposition of safety devices had under the auspices of the American Institute of Social Service, opened yesterday at the American Museum of Natural History. The exposition was largely attended yesterday.

Every sort of device that will tend to lessen the number of accidents or deaths is on exhibition from the portable fire escape and oil lamps that can be tipped over when lighted without exploding, to gas jets that shut off automatically when the gas is blown out. Window guards that will enable one to clean the windows of the skyscrapers without danger of falling off; elevator locks that work in such a fashion with gates on each floor have to be locked, or else the car cannot proceed, automatic couplers and safety scaffolds are among the exhibits.

Again, there are devices for the prevention of short circuiting; safety theatre doors that can be used in case of fire; safety brakes for street cars; tackle to prevent the fouling of lifeboats during the process of lowering and permitting the tackle to unhook automatically when the boat touches the water; safety fenders for trolley cars, automatic engine stops for big machinery and some three hundred other devices are also to be seen.

## A STITCH IN TIME

will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and Whooping Cough. Mrs. S., Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest and thank my forethought many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Hart's drug store.

## REBELS GIVEN OFFICE.

Havana, Jan. 31.—Generals Arencibia and Baldomero Acosta, well known rebel leaders, have been given positions with the government.

The appointments have caused some adverse comment.

## LA GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures la grippe coughs and prevents pneumonia. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package.

T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Secretary Taft wants to enlarge some of the western military posts. At present they are not spacious enough to permit him to do any side-stepping.

# SKIN TORTURES AFFLICT CHILDREN

Obstinate Case of Eczema Covered Little Girl's Limbs with Running Sores—Poison Oak Made Boy's Hands and Arms a Mass of Torturing Sores—Sufferers Soon Relieved and Completely Cured—Grateful Mother Says:

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