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WEATHER.

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RAILWAYS AND PEOPLE.

Slowly but surely, the tremendous engagement between the railways of the United States and the people thereof, for supremacy under the law, approaches the crucial hour of the death-struggle: both are alive to the pending crash that must ensue in complete and fixed finality.

Never in the history of the world has so great an issue been thrust upon the courts and consciences of the people of a nation as now confronts the American people, and it is the logical, imperative duty of every man to read and remember what he reads so that when the hour comes he shall know the measure of justice where-with he has been treated, and act as becomes a man or a slave.

For years and years, of unrighteous savor, the railways have dominated the people, their legislatures, their courts, their very government; and the audacity of their aggression; the bold assumption of impregnable security based upon the methods they have pursued and the laws they have wrought, have at last been the actual means of their sheer undoing.

That man is a fool, who would deprecate, cry down, resist, the superb genius, the inconceivable enterprise, that has grid-ironed the wide confines of America with those wonderful agencies for civilization and national development; and no sane man will ask that they be crippled, denied, wrought upon or discredited, in any sense; but, that man is also a fool, blind and ignorant beyond estimate, who does not realize the necessity for checking the encroachments and blocking the power that they are assuming against the nation and the man, from whom they have drawn all of encouragement, of generous fostering, of royal and ungrudging maintenance that has been the crowning glory of their existence to date.

The battle is on and there is but one issue for such an encounter: The rule of the people, under the most exact and applicable tenets of justice and the widest recognition of what is due the roads; but the dominance of the people is the prime and unescapable doctrine that must be set up first, and maintained unflinchingly. Defaulting this, there is nothing left but actual slavery to conditions and forces of blighting magnitude and power.

A COSTLY CONSCIENCE.

John D. Rockefeller announces that his next gift will be made to the Chinese nation and will aggregate the wonderful sum of \$50,000,000. He will make the princely bestowal in the hope that the money will prove the means of up-lifting that nation from the slough of its inertia and inaptitude and assist in placing it on the highway to civilization and the blessings of modernity.

We would like to believe that this man is actually inspired with some noble hope such as this; that he really desires to die with a record that will immortalize him as a man of lofty and generous humanity moved by the

spirit of the real Christ; but history forbids it. The light of the past gleams too glaringly upon the processes by which his millions have accumulated to suffer the intervention of such gentle conclusions. We believe the tremendous gift will go to China simply as "conscience money"; a tribute that shall help to reconcile the last days of a life given over to the mad lust that has begotten innumerable crimes; the placating of a thousand hideous memories; and the sorry attempt to quiet an abnormal, biting, relentless, self-accusation that, day by day, approaches the bar of eternal justice.

This man's hours are numbered and he knows it better than anyone else, just as he knows the utterness of his frightful responsibility for the dreadful years of ruin and plunder and robbery that stains him and his associates.

Ida Tarbell has not written in vain, evidently!

TAFT.

President Roosevelt may make the mistake of his life in attempting to thrust Judge Taft upon the people of the United States as his successor. We are disposed to accord the President much, and do it ungrudgingly, but we are not quite ready to make him dictator, and his assumption that he has but to name his man, to have the nation go into spasms of gleeful accord and frantic submission, may prove the one vast blunder of his great career.

We are not decrying Taft; we believe he is a great and useful man, but the people of this country may not be quite willing to take him as a sop to their essential disappointment in losing Roosevelt. The people are doing their own choosing in these enlightened days, and are not likely to brook interference from even so prime a favorite as their present President; and it would be the better policy to check some of the gratuities now being cast abroad by the Eastern press, anent Mr. Roosevelt's unalterable selection of Taft as his successor in a place the people themselves are supposed to fill.

The third term gospel has no weight with us. We leave the adjustment of that question to the man who is most deeply interested in deciding it, Mr. Roosevelt himself; and do but hope he will decide for the immense body of the people who honestly and earnestly desire his re-election. Beyond this his acceptance, or rejection, of the supreme honor, he has nothing to say, and should leave the matter where it belongs, down among the people. We want no re-actionary effects, of an ill-chosen executive and an ill advised administration, based upon the poor excuse that we set it up because we were told by a man we honored and trusted. There is too much "Mexican" in that doctrine to suit the average man of this country. If we cannot have Mr. Roosevelt we will choose our own President, and abide by all results, good or bad.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The way the railroad managers are lining up at the White House shows that they have located the storm center. They'll get a square deal there, too, if they state their cause fairly. There need be no reason to fear consequences.

Mr Edwards, the new first deputy commissioner of street cleaning at New York, was once captain of the Princeton football team. He certainly ought to appreciate their kicking on the condition of the streets.

Mayor Schmitz entered the court through a side door when his grafting case was called in San Francisco Monday. There are even times when even Mayor Schmitz is modest.

After seeing it tried out everywhere else along the same lines, St. Louis has gone back to the middle ages, to have a street car strike, with flying rocks, mobs and rioting.

The ticket speculator, too, sometimes giveth us reason for merry chuckles when he purchaseth ye pasteboards which weigh in his hands at 9 p. m., like gold bricks.

Those scientists who discovered that the human souls weigh an ounce should remember that their researches are carried on in Boston.

Medleyodale: Thanks for asking. There is a street cleaning department to your second question: "Why is it?" You can search us.

Battleships may also be dangerous instruments of peace in peaceful times as the terrible disaster on the French ship Jena lately proves.

They don't expect to find that missing bank messenger lingering along reading novels this side of the Canadian border.

Belgium and Holland have formed an alliance and resolved that if the Kaiser takes one life he will have to take both.

Ye country editor must have his railroad pass back before the legislature worm ceases to turn.

The cotton crop creeps up in size every time a new announcement concerning it is made.

California just delights in showing how magnanimous she can be.

Our minister merely made Merry with the president of Nicaragua.

DOWNWARD COURSE.

Fast Being Realized by Astoria People.

A little backache at first. Daily increasing till the back is lame and weak.

Urinary disorders quickly follow. Diabetes and finally Bright's disease.

This is the downward course of the kidney ills. Don't take this course. Follow the advice of an Astoria citizen.

J. Pederson, longshoreman, living at 613 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon, says: "For twenty years I was a loted in one way or another with kidney trouble. I suffered a great deal of pain in the small of the back and was constantly tired and nervous. I had occasional headaches and also a blurring of the eyesight. Every time I took cold it settled in the kidneys and added to my troubles, the secretions at such times being irregular was much disturbed at night on this account. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Charles Rogers' drug store, and found unexpected relief, for which I am very thankful.

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers, drug store and ask what customers report.

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Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month, delivered by carrier.

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HONORING ST. PATRICK.

Jolly Time and Delightful Entertainment at St. Mary's Hall.

The great feast day of old Erin was fittingly observed in Astoria last night. The 4th annual observance of St. Patrick Day by the sons of Ireland and her sympathizers was held in St. Mary's Hall on Grand Ave.

E. H. Deery, Esq. was the speaker of the evening. Mr. Deery is President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Portland. His address which was one of the most forceful ever delivered at a St. Patrick's celebration in Astoria was continually interrupted by the applause of the audience, which had been wrought to a high degree of enthusiasm. Mr. Deery is opening his remarks complimented the citizens of Astoria on the superb location of our city and predicted a grand future for it, he then proceeded to dwell at length on the "Sufferings of the Irish People and their Results." He applied the lessons to be derived from the subject to the United States and urge the citizens of this land irrespective of race or creed to take as their ideals the high principles inculcated by St. Patrick.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. J. Waters. The musical part of the program was probably the best ever rendered at a similar gathering as was attested by the insistent encores accorded the different singers. The program was as follows: "Avour neen" by Mr. N. Johnson, "O! the Shamrock" by Master T. Shea, "Silver Threads Among the Gold" Miss K. Shiveley Address "Sufferings of Ireland and their Results" E. H. Deery Esq. of Portland, "The Minstrel Boy" by Jos. Moore, "I'll Take Thee Home Again Kathleen," by Mrs. J. H. O'Connell.

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