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**WEATHER.**  
 Oregon, Washington, Idaho—  
 Fair and warmer.

**STRICTLY A HOME MATTER.**

The dispatch of a magnificent fleet of war vessels from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 20 strong, under the command of "Fighting Bob" Evans, is no part of a war program, but may be so taken by whomsoever hates America deeply enough to put that particular construction upon it.  
 For our part it seems but a tardy tribute to a neglected seaboard, long taxed to build these superb engines of conflict, and as long denied the benefit and comfort of their actual presence; for there will be plenty of the ships that western eyes have never beheld, save in the pictured form presented by the current magazines. And beside, it will be a concession to the business interests of this coast, to which but little in the way of federal patronage, along this line, has ever been conceded.  
 The people of the whole coast will be gratified to have the fleet out here and to know something of the resources of our government in this important relation and our pride will be duly flattered by the exposition; all of which is part and parcel of the obligation of a fraternal, paternal and popular government.  
 It will be, also, an interesting demonstration for our friends, the Japanese, the Chinese, the Russians, and all the peoples of the Eastern Pacific margin, and a suggestion to all hands, that we are in the business of taking care of ourselves, and not likely to forfeit an opportunity furnished us to that end; though, of course, the coming of the Armada has no such significance, unless it shall be willfully assumed and traded upon, an issue that we should regret exceedingly, but perhaps, a fraction less, that those who shall have the un wisdom and bad grace to so elect.

**WHAT SOCIETY OWES ITSELF.**

We Americans cannot afford to take on the full measure of mercurial, nerve-racking attributes usually ascribed to French. We are moving in that direction rapidly, and becoming a nation of nervous invalids with all admisible speed, but we are still in possession of a reserve of practical, wholesome, sensible initiative, that may, at last, redeem us from the universal slump, and save us from derogation. But it goes without saying that we are far too ready to take up with odd impressions and social attitudes and give rein to feelings and forces not quite rational nor inherently natural. Among these isms is an aptitude for such things as "brainstorms," the "dementia Americana" and other phantasmal ideas that seem to suit us for the moment; when as a matter of fact they are utterly foreign, and generally repugnant to the common sense we inherited from our practical grandfathers. We seem to lend ourselves quickly to new and strange hypothesis, with all apparent faith, but we do not, actually, we simply tolerate them and give them a run until our senses return and then we promptly repudiate them and view and treat things normally again. In this relation, for instance, we have given certain license and recognition to the fallacy of justifiable homicide and when a crime of the sort is wrought in revenge for the gross attack upon the immediate family; it has gone over the whole country since the pendency of the Thaw trial, and has been largely responsible for the access of crime alleged to be due primarily to that doctrine. But we are coming to our senses again, and have recognized the tremendous danger of cultivating such a creed. We knew, when the idea was first given conspicuous place in the reasoning of

the nation, that it was wrong and dangerous and quite impossible of real acceptance, but it was momentarily popular and was suffered to pass as accounting for the real impulse to crime. Now we know it is made rather the excuse for, than justification of, the numberless killings that have accentuated the foolish, whimsical, and evil proposition.  
 We owe it to society to repudiate the doctrine so many are willing to employ merely as a predicate for the commission of crime, and to be more careful how we give color and importance to vagrant and flagrant notions just because some one in the popular eye suggests them; it is so plainly a matter of momentary and insincere adoption, and so liable to misuse and abuse, that we should have care how we launch and perpetuate the evil.  
 What society does not do to make good in this direction, the courts of the land will surely do, to the point of almost injustice in some cases, thus setting up a new phase of responsibility for us to bear. We must be sater if we would be safer!

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Famine or strike, the ice consuming public gets it in the usual places.  
 Bill Ward says: "The mighty become so because the people fail to discover their weakness in time to prevent it."  
 The postmastership of New York should be kept a victor's crown, not allowed to become a consolation prize in peanut politics.  
 It no longer matters so much to New Yorkers about that balance at the bank; it's the surplus in the ice-box that counts!  
 If it were not for the United States government, what a swath a Harriman might cut!  
 When Chicago bishops and summer resort proprietors unite in pray for hot weather, one sees what result!

**IN THE CITY CHURCHES.**

- Baptist.**  
 The work has started off nicely with good congregations at both services last Sunday. Next Sunday morning announcements will be made concerning the summer work. We expect that this first service for the summer will be full of interest. The program for the day is as follows:  
 10 a. m., Sunday school, S. K. Diebel, superintendent; 11 a. m., sermon, "Jesus Christ," followed by communion service; 7 p. m., Young People's Meeting, S. K. Diebel, leader; 8 p. m., sermon, "The Reckless Driver." A large welcome for all.  
 Conrad L. Owen, pastor.
- Grace Episcopal.**  
 Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Sermon and holy communion, 11 a. m.; Junior Auxiliary service, 4 p. m.
- Holy Innocents' Chapel.**  
 Sunday school, 10 a. m.; evening service with sermon, 7:30 p. m.  
 John Warren, A. R. & M.
- Congregational.**  
 Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "A Divinely Commanded Feast"; evening service at 8 o'clock, subject, "The Making of a Strong Nation"; Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.; midweek meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. If you are not attending other religious services we invite you to come with us. All visitors and strangers in the city will find a welcome here and are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.
- First Lutheran.**  
 Sunday school as usual at 9:30 a. m., also at the German Lutheran church. Morning service at 10:45, subject, "Different Standards of Righteousness." English service at the German Lutheran church at 3 o'clock. Evening service at the Uppertown church at 8 o'clock, theme, "On Eagle's Wings." The pastor desires to meet all his people and friends at these services. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.
- Christian Science.**  
 Services will be held at 634 Grand avenue, at 10 a. m., subject, "Life." All are invited.
- Norwegian-Danish M. E.**  
 Corner Thirty-seventh and Duane streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11 morning; temperance meeting at 3 p. m.; evening service at 8 o'clock. The Scandinavian people are heartily invited to attend. Elias Gjerding, pastor.
- First M. E.**  
 Sermon themes: Morning, "Living Religion"; evening, "The Cry of the World's Heart." Other services: Class

**Wit and Humor**  
 of  
**JOE BLACKBURN.**



**THOUGH** the fighting and silver tongue senator from Kentucky was defeated for re-election, people of the Blue Grass State as well as those of Washington will long remember his quarter of a century's service in the two houses of congress, his stock of good stories and his bright repartee.  
 As a sample of the stinging language Blackburn sometimes uses may be cited his characterization of a western judge whom he had introduced to President Cleveland late in the campaign of 1888. After this judge returned home he gave out an interview in which he professed to quote the president as having given up the election because of the treachery of Senator Hill of New York, Mayor Hewitt and others. Blackburn characterized the whole statement as false and wound up his sizzling roast in this fashion:  
 "I can do no more than to crave the president's pardon for having been misled into introducing to him a caricature upon humanity, for whose existence the Lord in fair dealing owes an apology to mankind."

Here is another sample of the sort of English Blackburn slings when he is feeling well. He was detected reading the president's message, and as he read he chuckled to himself. Finally one of his colleagues approached the senator from Kentucky and asked for the joke.  
 "It has just occurred to me," solemnly observed the senator, "that Mr. Roosevelt's English does not concur with the protechnic scintillations of obsolescent linguosity which so extensively illuminated the lucubrations and ululations of President Cleveland."

Since he hails from Kentucky many of the tales concerning Blackburn naturally relate to the beverage which cheers. Here is one: A friend recently met the ex-senator at the station on his return from a trip to the country.  
 "How are you, Joe?" his friend asked.  
 "I'm up against it," was the reply.  
 "I lost the best part of my baggage en route."  
 "Did you misplace it, or was it stolen?" his friend inquired solicitously.  
 "Neither," said Blackburn. "The cork came out."

When questioned about this story later, however, Blackburn denied it.  
 "Not a word of truth in it," he said. "You know I would be more careful of the cork."  
 Blackburn's fondness for speechmaking is a matter of common knowledge. At one time he was on an outing trip with some friends along the Kentucky river when a few dozen residents of the neighborhood joined the party. The food was of the best, and there was plenty of liquid refreshment. Blackburn, however, did not seem to be enjoying himself. One of his friends asked him what was the matter. "I don't like this crowd," Blackburn responded. "Why, Joe," his friend remonstrated, "there's not a man here who wouldn't die for you." "I know that," returned Blackburn. "It's not the quality I'm objecting to, but the quantity. The crowd is too big for an anecdote and not big enough for a speech."

One day Secretary of War Taft appeared before the military committee of the senate, of which Blackburn was a member, advocating the view that junior army officers should not marry.  
 "But how," asked Blackburn, "can you make that accord with the Administration views on race suicide?"  
 meeting at 10:15 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15; Epworth League at 7:00 a. m. You are cordially invited to attend all services. Strangers will be made to feel at home.  
 C. C. Rarick, pastor.

**Presbyterian.**  
 Morning worship, 11 o'clock; communion; "The Name"; Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8:00, "Four Gifts of God." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Secretary Taft met this question with a characteristic roar of laughter.

Blackburn was a staunch silver man and therefore opposed to the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law. Representative Caruth and a party of other Kentuckians called on the senator and told him he was hurting himself politically, as most of the towns in the state were passing resolutions favoring the repeal.  
 "What do I care for the resolutions of the towns?" rejoined Blackburn. "They are passed by bankers, lawyers and dry goods merchants, and no countrymen were at the meetings."  
 "How do you know?" asked Caruth.  
 "How do I know? Why, Asher, I know it darned well. Every town in Kentucky is reached by a tollgate, and the poor country people haven't money enough to pass them. That's the reason I know. Here, Jim, give these fellows a drink of Bourbon and let them go."

Blackburn one day invited Secretary Shaw and Vice President Fairbanks, who was then senator, to have something. When Shaw was asked what he would take, he replied:  
 "Well, I guess I'll have a glass of lemonade."  
 Blackburn then turned to Fairbanks and said:  
 "And what will you have, senator?"  
 "I'll have a glass of moxie," was the reply.  
 The bartender said to Senator Blackburn:  
 "And what's yours, senator?"  
 "Oh," said he, scarcely able to conceal his disgust, "I guess I'll have a piece of squash pie."

**UTILIZE WASTE PAPER.**

Great fortunes, it is said, have been founded on so slender a basis as a common pin; but it has remained for the Salvation Army to finance a great charity with waste paper. Experiments in running its Industrial Home without cash contributions were so successful to several scattered buildings in West Thirtieth street, however, that the Army felt justified in erecting, at a cost of \$100,000, its new five-story building on West Forty-eighth street, which was formally opened last week, where it handles old newspapers, magazines, letters and books. Wagons are sent out all over the city to collect waste paper of all kinds from private houses and offices, bundle it into bags, and convey it to the Home. Here men out of employment separate the paper according to grades. The sorting is done on the first floor and the paper thrown down chutes to the main floor, where it is boxed and shipped to mills in which most of it is reduced to pulp and rolled out again into coarse wrapping paper. Old books are retained for a while to give dealers and antiquarians a chance to bid on them before they are sent to the macerating vats, and occasionally the collectors get discarded furniture, which is also sold. In addition to the paper sorting equipment, there is ample room in the building for housing the workers. There are a large dormitory, a commodious dining room, and a reading, clothes and exchange room, all fitted up after the most improved methods. Shower baths and porcelain basins, with open plumbing fixtures, are provided by the score. In addition to boarding and lodging the 270 inmates, it is expected to pay them a moderate wage beside.

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