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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair; warmer in interior.

A NATION OF "SUCKERS!"

There is one thing the government inquiry into the methods, business and conditions of the Standard Oil Company is doing, and that is, it's proving what a nation of undiluted "suckers" we are, the famous Yankees included. It will dawn on us some day, and the day should not be far distant, that, for a supposedly bright, snappy, up-to-date, wary, critically-business-like lot, we are just about the dumbest bunch in creation; and it is not along Standard Oil lines, altogether, for the same assinine policy is pre-eminent all along the corporate route of dealing. We have "stood pat" with every conceivable swindle that has been thrust out on us; we have paid from 500 to 1000 per cent more than our utilities have been worth, ungrudgingly, stupidly, without thought of popular protest or organic preventive, and have proven ourselves entirely worthy of the vast blanket-robbery that has been cast over us.

The crux of the evil lies in our legislatures and our courts. We have been sending any and every sort of man, but the right sort, to our state assemblies and to Congress, to make laws for us, and in 80 per cent of elective choices so made, we have been sold out to the corporate kings of finance, "lock, stock and barrel." And, when overtaken by the consciousness, and resentment, of our helplessness, we have appealed to the courts, we have been sold out again, at practically the same ratio.

There is not an American alive, today, who should not thank God, hourly, for the presence of such a man as Theodore Roosevelt at Washington, since it is to him, and the few honorable colleagues he has surrounded himself with, we owe the cleaving wedge of administration scrutiny into this fearful and widespread evil.

He has set the ball of retribution rolling, and if the public hand and conscience do not keep it rolling to the very end of this shameful inquiry and course of reprisal, then we are, indeed, a nation of puppets and unworthy of relief. He, or a man of his school and schooling, must be kept in the White House for years to come; and then, to preserve the blessedness of our freedom won, the same clean and masterful kind must be kept there perpetually, to ward us against our own pitiful weaknesses and the re-establishment of the dominion of sheer money.

It is a far cry from little old Astoria to the great centers of trade and finance and politics of the nation, but we send it out in the vague hope it may meet and blend with the same sensibility, elsewhere, and gathering volume and momentum, and the mantle of a peoples' power, may reach the seats of the mighty and waken the forces of common justice to the profound duty of the hour.

THE MEASURE OF GUILT.

The Oregonian, of Sunday last, in the course of its editorial treatment of the Reynolds murder case, takes the position, most wisely and carefully, that the woman in all such matters is equally culpable, in all phases of each case, from the incipient sign of preference she gives the man who later becomes her paramour and a party, one way or another, to the murder that follows, with the guiltiest member of the coterie. This is a timely and sensible departure from the old and long-borne doctrine that the woman is, by virtue of her sex, immune from the rigors of responsibility and guilt. We are glad the expression has been made so unqualifiedly and at such influential source.

There is not a woman of legal years, today, whose life has been passed in ordinary contact with civilized rules and conditions, who does not know, to a dot, just how far she may go as a conscious-

ly modest woman, toward the verge of disaster; and to be married but accentuates that knowledge and narrows the limit of her venturing.

We would not detract from the least prerogative of good womanhood nor deny a single claim the sex holds against our manhood by any right, be it divinely or humanly instituted; but as a point of literal justice between people of equal discernment and patent knowledge of right and wrong, there is no feather-weight of difference when the measure of real guilt is assumed. Society does well to cast about our girls and women the aegis of every qualification that shall be construed in their defense and to enforce the observance of its every dictate in this behalf; until the woman has voluntarily forfeited her right by deliberately taking on the share of guilt that falls to her by reason of her complicity, for then she leaves the protection accorded her to take her chance with the law she has offended. And, by the way, it may be observed that the law, in its dealing with women, is infinitely more generous than the society that is supposed to protect them primarily, for the law, duly invoked and justly administered, does acquit, does pardon, does shield a woman thus beleaguered, but society, as such, is relentless in its damning.

A married woman is bereft of the claim her single sister may present in extenuation of such laches; and neither is entitled to the weight of such a plea, if they, having arrived at the years of discretion, stifle their instinctive modesty, and cast themselves down.

Man, of course, is so universally, innately, incorrigibly and invincibly bad, that there is nothing left to say for him. He has no pleas, and dare not use them if he had. He is the incarnation of all that is false in the usual adjustment of these grave questions.

CUPID IN BUSINESS.

The head of a large clerical staff composed entirely of women said: "Though they will not admit it nine girls out of ten look upon the business world as a matrimonial field well worth cultivating. Thousands enter it to find a husband and remain in it to avoid needing one."

"Cupid does not find the average shop or office a congenial atmosphere in which to labor. Women who work shoulder to shoulder with men have few illusions left at the end of the first year. And say what you will about the weakness and credulity of old-fashioned women, it is not a kind hand that tears away every illusion. With the departure of certain ideals, women realize that certain reasons for their existence, certain possibilities of happiness, have slipped out of her grasp. The girl who has won her first little commercial triumph at twenty-three does not realize this, but the woman of thirty-three or forty-three, who has drunk the full measure of business success, does understand, and suffers accordingly."

Said a woman who at a comparatively young age has scored success in a field which few women enter: "At twenty-five I returned to my native village from college. I had not decided on any career, but when I got back to the quiet town something palled upon me. It was the men! I had known them all from youth—nice, prosaic fellows, anxious to settle down under their respective ancestral roof-trees—and I fled the scene. In a larger city, among bustling business interests, I would find a congenial mate. From the start I was a business success. One small triumph followed another, but I didn't marry. I found myself measuring men by their business qualifications, and not by their personal or domestic qualifications. At forty I woke to a realization that men were no longer interested in me as a woman, but as a dangerous business rival, a person who needed to be watched, a creature to be flattered, alas, not because of her womanliness and feminine charms, but because her influence was valuable. Was I flattered at this realization? No! I was furious, and I have hated men ever since."—Anna Steese Richardson in the September Woman's Home Companion.

RENEWING ELECTRIC BULBS.

A good deal of curiosity is occasioned when visitors to a very high room or auditorium wonder how it is possible to reach the incandescent bulbs when they burn out. The explanation is the use of a long jointed pole, which can be extended to a great length. At the upper end of the pole is a holder, consisting of wire fingers, which open by pulling a string and close tightly around the bulb by means of strings, the moment the cord is released. When the bulb is thus gripped the lamp changer turns the pole and unscrews the lamp.—From an illustrated article in the October Popular Mechanics.

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WANTS ALL TO HELP

Wilbur Newell Says School Children Can Boost.

SEND LITERATURE TO FRIENDS

Enthusiastic Report on the State Fair at Salem—Leaflets on Various Counties Should be Sent All Over America by Scholars.

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—The Oregon State Fair last week was a record breaker in point of attendance, and the speed contests were the best in the history of the Fair and aroused even more enthusiasm than when pools were sold. The twelve new stables which housed the splendid live-stock exhibit were visited by many thousands, there being as many ladies as men present.

The displays of products of the soil were up to those in quality shown at the Lewis & Clark Exposition, and the crowds were admirably handled.

The citizens of the great Harney country have made an urgent appeal to the people of all parts of the State to make a special effort to visit Burns October 8th to 12th, when their fair is in session, and see the products of Oregon's biggest county. An effort will be made to send a delegation from Portland. Artesian water has been found at a depth of less than three hundred feet in Harney Valley and the people are rejoicing.

No meeting devoted to irrigation has attracted such general attention throughout the United States as the last convention of the National Irrigation Congress at Sacramento, and Oregon is indebted to Malheur and Klamath Counties for making a showing which won big prizes and caused the State to be generously advertised.

At least ten towns in Oregon have established permanent exhibit rooms at which good specimens of fruits, vegetables and other products are shown. Others are making temporary showing on account of the large number of colonists taking advantage of the low rates now on, and in each instance it gives the new-comers a place to concentrate, where they are assured a welcome, and as a result a large majority locate permanently.

Hon. Wilbur K. Newell's hundred words on Oregon fruit is a splendid condensation of facts, and is being used in the new printed matter of several of the active commercial bodies. This statement of Mr. Newell's is direct, effective and convincing.

The strongest assurance of the growth of many Oregon cities and towns during the last year is the large increase shown in the school enrollment, and these school children in each and every city, town and village of the state are

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BALLOONS TRAVEL 550 MILES. English and Swiss Entrants in International Race Make High Records. BRUSSELS, Sept. 23.—The best distances yet recorded in the international balloon race which started here yesterday with 34 competitors, were made by the English balloon, Zephyr, and the Swiss balloon, Cognac, which descended respectively in the French departments of Gers and Landes. Both balloons exceeded 550 miles. Several of the smaller balloons descended in Belgium.

A Humane Appeal. A humane citizen of Richmond, Ind., Mr. U. D. Williams, 107 West Main St., says: "I appeal to all persons with weak lungs to take Dr. King's New Discovery, the only remedy that has helped me and fully comes up to the proprietor's recommendation." It saves more lives than all other throat and lung remedies put together. Used as a cough and cold cure the world over. Cures asthma, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, hoarseness, and phthisis, stops hemorrhages of the lungs and builds them up. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store, 50c and \$1.00.

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