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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow in west; snow in east portion; warmer.

THE PERSONAL EQUATION.

It may be well for us all to remember that the personal equation is to cut its customary figure in the successes and failures of the year 1909. What of questionable, negative, apparent, fault, or evil, besets us, must be recognized, amended, subdued, guarded and wrought against; and all of the better, healthier, happier and cleverer qualities that mark our make-up, must be cherished, cultivated, directed and conserved, as much to our own distinct and lasting benefit, as to the comfort, convenience, pleasure and satisfaction of those whom we serve, associate with and owe our best and truest offices.

This is not a sermon; it is a simple business talk.

We are all disposed to forget, perhaps ignore, the relation we bear personally to every engagement and task we assume; we do not often analyze our own natures, measure our own capacities for good and ill; and as often, fail signally, when we might have succeeded, on the realization of our weakness, our unfit tempers, and foolish prejudices, habits and inclinations. We are far more dependent upon ourselves that we seem to understand, and an occasional course of self-investigation lends us genuine strength and high purpose, and energizes us, in the attainment of a sounder poise and honest standing with ourselves and our fellows.

"No man liveth unto himself alone." We cannot escape our responsibilities to the other man; we may think we can, but it is merely an empty and pitiful assumption at the best, and primarily unworthy of us. We must dig into our own secret being and out the coarse, the irritating, the false and the hateful, and at the same time ascertain the temperamental decencies and graces and make them do their incalculable part in the general scheme of work and association and procedure we usually call LIFE.

ANOTHER GOOD THING.

Astoria is to be credited with one more excellent achievement, in the establishment of the Astoria Motor-Boat Club. In its way it is exactly as important and gratifying as the setting up of her splendid athletic association; both are to be commended, supported and maintained for the good of the young and the enjoyment of the old.

The fact that Astoria has been without a reputable, recognized and organized boat-club, in the strictest

sense of the term, all these years, has been as much a matter of astonishment to the visitor here, as of chagrin to ourselves; and the work of Dr. Frank Vaughn and his associates, in this behalf, is entitled to instant and generous recognition and to a sportsman-like rally that shall at once put the laches out of sight and mind, and put Astoria to the very front of the high-class ports and clubs that boast such accessories.

With everything at hand in the way of natural facilities that can be desired in our bays and the lordly Columbia; with shops and highly trained experts to build our own craft; with a boating season that is simply incomparable for comfort and delight, with superb water courses everywhere about us, and a clever group of people skilled in the sport, and with wealth enough to cover its last latitude of indulgence, there is no reason on earth why Astoria should not leap to the fore with her new club and do some record making beginning with the 1909 Regatta.

PAY HIM BETTER.

There is no salary in all the land we desire to see raised so much as that of the President of the United States; not even our own. It is high time we were doing the decent thing by this great office and officer; we are not caring who happens to be in the place that has nothing to do with the proposition of putting the place on the plane of other and similar posts throughout the world. Our Presidents are the poorest paid servants in the service of mankind, considering everything and comparing the exalted duties and the relative importance of the dignity. Pay him \$100,000. The country has grown to that mark; and pay him more as it grows greater. Be decent.

SOFT, EASY AND SAFE.

The coast line between Tillamook Head, in Oregon, and Gray's Harbor, in Washington, is becoming famous for the softness, ease and safety with which ships may be piled upon it; there does not seem to be any danger whatever in the procedure, the three last ships to utilize the beaches, the Peter Iredale, Galena and the Alice, having slipped up on the sands quietly, comfortably, securely, without loss of a spar, a man, a boat, nor anything of value, being subsequently dismantled at leisure and left to bury themselves in the smooth sands at the due convenience of time and nature.

Even the newspapers are bereft of the "thrills" usually attendant upon such performances; their stories are flat, mere dry and spiritless facts, minus color, life and hazard, and unlightened by the touch of romance or the snap of personal risk, bravery

and sacrifice. It is not fair; it is not in accord with the traditions of the business, and we are in the way of protesting against the simplicity and humdrumness of the episodes at hand.

We are not at all anxious for the death of a single mariner, God knows why, but if these vessels must come ashore, why not do it with the old-time snap and hurrah and risk? It must be disgusting the very sailors themselves to go through a wreck so "flat, stale and unprofitable." How can they ever face their grand-children with these pointless, pitiless tales of the high-sea and low-lying lands and wrecks in which no man suffers, nor loses, nor jeopardizes anything? Why the kids will despise them. The reporters, quick and eager as they are to invest such tales with vim and verve, and a verity all their own, are not able to even fake a readable story, as there are not real facts enough upon which to predicate a few alluring lies and keep within sight of the actualities. It is getting so that a shipwreck-tale from out this field is as "punk" as the Legislative correspondence from Salem, and as common as a murder yarn from Portland.

BATHING AT DIEPPE.

When the Comtesse de Boigne Tried It in the Year 1866.

The Comtesse de Boigne in her memoirs gives an account of a visit she paid in 1866, which is interesting in view of the position Dieppe now holds among French watering places.

"The poverty of the inhabitants," she says, "was frightful. The Englishman, as they called him (and for them he was worse than the devil), was cruising incessantly before their empty harbor. With much difficulty a boat was able to escape from time to time and go fishing, always at the risk of being captured by the foreigner or confiscated upon the return journey if the telescopes of the watchers had seen it approach a vessel.

"As for the comforts arranged for the convenience of bathers which Dieppe has since organized, they were nonexistent at that time. My brother was able to find a little covered cart, and with great trouble and great expense, notwithstanding the universal poverty, a man was hired to lead the horses down to the sea and two women to go into the sea with me.

"These preparations raised the public surprise and curiosity to such a pitch that my first bath was watched by a crowd on the shore. My servants were asked if I had been bitten by a mad dog.

"I aroused extreme pity as I went by, and it was thought that I was being taken down to be drowned. An old gentleman called on my father to point out to him that he was assuming a great responsibility in permitting so rash an act. It can hardly be imagined that the inhabitants of a seashore could be so afraid of the sea.

"But at that time the people of Dieppe were chiefly occupied in keeping out of sight of it and in protecting themselves from the disasters which they feared the sea might bring, so that it was for them nothing more than a means of annoyance and suffering. It is curious to think that ten years later bathers were arriving in hundreds, that special arrangements were made for their convenience and that sea bathing of every kind went on without producing any astonishment in the neighborhood.

"I have thus attempted to point out that the custom of sea bathing, which is now so universal, is comparatively recent in France, for Dieppe was the first place where it began."

TREE DWELLING ANTS.

South American Insect That Acts as Plant Guardian.

Ant defenders of plants and trees are some of nature's pretty marvels. The Cecropia adenopus is a remarkable tree of south Brazil, widely distributed through the tropics. Its slender trunk is crowned with long leaves at the ends of the branches.

A few active ants run continually along the branches and the leaves, but if the tree is shaken slightly an army of ants rushes out by small apertures ready for a savage assault on the intruder. The ant is the terrible guardian that the tree has retained to protect it from its most formidable enemy, the leaf cutter ant.

The defenders rarely leave their retreat, where they live on small whitish egg shaped bodies about one-twelfth of an inch long, known as Mueller's corpuscles. These are formed of delicate tissue, rich in proteins and all, as rations for the garrison of defender ants to feed upon. The curious arrangement by which entrance is made to the hollow stem has been studied by W. Sclimper.

Just above the point of insertion of each leaf extends nearly to the superior node a superficial groove, at whose end is a rounded depression. There the tissue is thin, like a diaphragm in a tube, and it also is soft. The hole by which the ant enters is always pierced at this spot. The ants seem to have made their entrance through the groove originally because it was at the top. In the course of this plant's further development natural selection augmented these natural advantages, so that finally the thin, frail diaphragm as it exists today was developed.—Chicago Tribune.

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BRIGHT LETTER DIRECT FROM NEW YORK

TELLING OF LAST AND LARGEST ITEMS OF NATIONAL CONCERN THERE.

NEW YORK, Jan.—War is about to be waged on New York's pride and joy, "The Great White Way," that section of Broadway extending northward from Herald Square for a dozen blocks or more and comprising the city's principal hotel, theatre and restaurant district. It would be more accurate to say that the war is being directed against the characteristic feature of the world-famous street for the attack which is being made by the Municipal Art Society on Broadway's brilliant illumination is based on the fact that it is too brilliant. According to the censors of municipal affairs artistic who compose the society, the huge electric signs contributing to the glow which turns night into something more attractive than day in this part of the city not only violate the dictates of the canons of art but are a menace in case of fires and likely to be themselves the cause of serious conflagrations. It is pointed out that in the recent Herald Square Theatre fire the firemen were hampered in their work by many wires feeding the big electric signs that covered the front of the building. While the agitation that has been started is likely to lead to some restriction in size and arrangement of electric signs it is highly improbable that New Yorkers will submit to any change that will rob the Great White Way of its crowning glory or cause Broadway to be no longer "the street of a million lights."

The women who proclaimed themselves suffragists and suffragettes and who have been very active here during the past few months, under the leadership of some of the female agitators imported from England, where they have succeeded in making things uncomfortable for members of Parliament and in providing extra labor for the police, are no longer to have things entirely their own way. Opposition to their plans has taken form among other women who feel that the position of womankind generally on the subject of the ballot is likely to be misunderstood as a result of the claims of the suffrage advocates. They have organized a movement in opposition to the suffragists' demands under the name of the National League for the Civil Education of Women with such prominent women as Mrs. Gilbert E. Jones, Mrs. Julian Heath, Miss Eleanor G. Hewett, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Richard Watson Gilder, Mrs. Rosister Johnson, Mrs. Hiram Sibley, Mrs. David H. Greer wife of the Bishop of New York, Miss Jeanette L. Gilder and Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer among its officers, and are conducting an active campaign through the medium of lectures and pamphlets to show that the great majority of women do not desire to vote; that they can accomplish reforms equally well without the ballot. This flank movement seems to have somewhat dismayed the militant champions of ballot-box privileges and is rapidly enlisted the support of prominent women who feel that their sex is being discredited by the performance of the suffragette agitators.

Probing of the loan shark evil has not stopped with the recent report of the Russell Sage foundation, which showed that in New York as high as 1756 per cent per annum was charged by the salary loan tribe. In every part of the country the agitation against this evil is being taken up. Information secured by M. B. Wellington of the Legal Aid Society of Chicago in preparation for a national organization equipped to pull part if not all the teeth of the loan shark, shows that one institution of a semi-philanthropic kind in Cincinnati, called the Citizens Mortgage Loan Company, has successfully coped by competition with the loan sharks. The method adopted by Massachusetts provides that an assignment of wages under \$200 to be valid must have the consent of the wife but the loan shark has devised an ingenious plan to evade that law. A man comes into the loan company to borrow \$10. He executes a note for \$212.25, the \$2.25 being \$2 for making the loan, authorized by statute, and 25 cents for the interest, also a legal rate by being over \$200, does not need the consent of his wife. A check is then drawn on a bank, payable to the order of the borrower, for \$210. The borrower, not being able conveniently to identify himself at the bank at which the check is drawn, is advised to cash it

through the loan company. Upon the cashing of the check by the loan company, \$200 is immediately demanded of the borrower, who only gets \$10 in hand. After just what state New York will pattern its anti-loan shark law remains to be seen, but it seems certain that some action will be taken.

It is a long time since any foreign visitor to America has endeared himself so quickly to New Yorkers as has Guilelmo Ferrero, the eminent Italian historian, who is delivering a series of historical lectures at Columbia University. Mr. Ferrero who has taken up his residence at the Hotel Astor, in the heart of the city's pleasure-seeking life, declares that there is beauty in New York's giant skyscrapers although they outrage preconceived European ideas of architectural taste and that Broadway is the most brilliant and interesting street in the world. After witnessing the New Year's Eve festivities in and about Longacre Square, he also gave it as his opinion that the famous feasts of the ancient Romans were mere hand-outs compared to the gorgeous surroundings and exquisite viands enjoyed by citizens of the American metropolis in their hotel palaces. In fact the man who is recognized as the leading authority of the world in the life and history of ancient Rome intimates that that imperial city was no more than a country village compared to twentieth century New York, and the inhabitants of the city long accustomed to hearing their city abused by visiting foreigners are naturally pleased over the appreciation expressed by the famous Italian scholar.

What is claimed to be the greatest gathering of aged persons since the days of the Jewish elders and the times of Methuselah took place this week in New York's east side district. The event was the celebration of a sixtieth wedding anniversary on the part of a wife age eighty-five and a husband aged ninety. Around the table were gathered one hundred and eighty-seven guests, whose total ages amounted to 14,960 years, or more than seven times the length of the Christian Era. Compared to the ages of a large number of the guests those of the husband and wife seemed insignificant. The average number of years to the credit of each person present was eighty, or just the four score allotted by the Bible as the extreme age of man. Five of those present, however, had passed the five score mark while thirty-one were over ninety years of age. The oldest guest had just passed his one hundred and fourteenth birthday, two had seen one hundred and seven years, and two others one hundred and six. No less than seven persons in this notable gathering were in their ninety-ninth year. A feature of the celebration was the rendering of a spirited Russian dance called the Kozotsky by a nimble youth aged one hundred and six.

The Pure Food Law.
Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's cough remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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