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Truth subsists eternally and finally triumphs over its enemies, because it is eternal and strong even as God himself. —Blaise Pascal.

IF IT TOPPLES IN CALIFORNIA

IT IS NOT unlikely that the house-cleaning in San Francisco may portend that the house of the American people is to be put in order and be kept so. What Mr. Heney is actually wrestling with is not an isolated incident of graft, but a system of corruption extending through 35 years of California history.

Nor is San Francisco the only scene of operation by boss and boodle rule, but it is the whole state that has been graft-ridden. Nor is it California alone, but level on level and tier on tier, the vast complicated system of plunder has honeycombed the whole country.

The newspapers were participants in their neglect to expose fraud and in their willingness to be allies of the more respectable section of the plunderbund. There were occasional warnings, but newspapers booted and leered them. Any man who dared to denounce conditions was heralded as neither safe nor sane, and declared a public enemy and made the target of anathema and ridicule.

LEGISLATING AGAINST JIM CROW.

AN ATTEMPT was recently made in the Indiana legislature to legislate the crow out of existence, but the two houses locked horns over the big black bird and the plan failed. The senate, after due deliberation, declared Jim an outlaw, and set a price on his head, but the house let loose its floods of oratory and defeated the measure.

pursuing his errand by a hawk, or that he got in over his depth while testing the waters and was drowned. It all ended with a triumph for old Jim, and he will hereafter, as of yore, sit on the fences of Indiana fields, and have stones shied at him by passing farmers' boys, some of whom, now grown men, may have thought of old times, as they led the fight in his defense in the legislature.

NOT AN OLD-TIME ORGAN.

THE JOURNAL understands quite well what kind of a Democratic newspaper would suit a few Democrats who have recently criticized it somewhat. They are good, pleasant citizens, and entitled to their opinions, but the Journal cannot to please them be a party organ of the old-fashioned sort, such as these gentlemen doubtless have in mind.

A CONTEMPTIBLE FIGURE.

GEORGE B. MCLELLAN, mayor of the greatest city in America, has also turned out, if reports of his deal with Tammany be true, to be a dire Democratic disappointment to all people who earnestly desire honesty, courage and righteousness in government and has proven himself a weak, base, contemptible figure in our public life—unfit to be the mayor of the meanest town in the country.

ADVICE FROM ASTORIA.

THE ASTORIAN, after recording its perception of the fact that "party lines have been swept away in the metropolis," in proof of which it cites the vote on governor last June, hopes "that there will be a reversal of things at Portland and that it will contribute something to the Republican history of the state that will mean something beside a glaring miscarriage of principles to which Oregon, as a whole, is committed in the national view."

alism? State Rights? If a mayor gives a city a good, clean, honest, efficient administration, should not the "national view" be satisfied, without complaining that he is not a part of the dominant party's machine? Let the Astorian look at home. Astoria is relatively nearly as strongly Republican as Portland, and it has repeatedly elected a mayor who is a Democrat. He is mayor there now. We do not remember ever reading any complaints in the Astorian about Mayor Wise. It and the majority of Astorians seem to be well satisfied with him. What do they care about his politics, if he is a good mayor? Nothing. And so it is here.

A CHRISTIAN TEST.

IT IS a noble and notable work that the Christian Herald of New York has been doing lately in aid of the famine sufferers of China. Through the medium of that paper alone more than \$400,000 has been sent to buy food for the starving orientals, and indirectly it has aided in raising much more, and many thousands of bushels of grain. Such work justifies its name and profession. It remembers the saying, "For I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat."

There were some large contributions to the Christian Herald's fund, but most of them were small, and came from all parts of the country. Much money and grain have been sent through other agencies, but the need is greater than ever. It is estimated that not less than 10,000,000 people are actually starving, and the harvest is weeks off yet, and promises to be light.

We send missionaries to teach the Chinese Christianity, but just now there is more Christianity in a loaf of bread than in a car load of tracts. Here is the test: "For I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat."

Chris Buckley, the former blind boss of San Francisco, is now, according to the Pacific Outlook, seeking to establish himself as a political power in Los Angeles, by becoming the boss of the "bum" and vicious vote. But bosses of the Buckley type do not find conditions now as favorable for their work as they did years ago.

The people of no state, unless it be New Hampshire, are so completely unrepresented, and politically enslaved to a single great corporation, as those of California. They have really nothing to say about their supposed public servants; the Southern Pacific takes this business entirely out of their hands.

We do not think that Oregon people are going to become much interested in Peary's north pole expedition, or contribute much money to send him on another Arctic trip. It is a matter of very small consequence to the people of Oregon whether he goes or not.

Oh, what lovely May weather back in Michigan, where with snow six inches deep people can go sleigh-riding.

The Chicago Tribune says Root is an "ideal man for president." So think all the trusts also.

This Date in History. 1502—Columbus sailed on his fourth voyage to the new world.

1645—Montrose defeated the Covenanters at battle of Auldean.

1671—Colonel Thomas Blood made a daring attempt to steal the crown jewels from the Tower of London.

1797—Walter Colton who made the first public announcement of the discovery of gold in California, born in Rutland, Vermont. Died January 22, 1881.

1793—The Indian chief Pontiac began his blockade of Detroit.

1781—The Spaniards captured Pensacola, Florida, from the British.

1843—Hugh S. Legare of South Carolina became secretary of state.

1853—First transatlantic steamer arrived at Quebec.

1861—Sheridan's famous raid commenced.

Small Change

"Tart and Hughes" doesn't sound good to Hughes. Boies will be a leading date-line place for awhile. There is no report so far of any damage to the lemon crop.

Of course, a lot of people will be short of fuel again next winter. Mr. January will be pardoned, even if he resumes his chilly name.

What does Standard Oil care about fines? The people pay them. San Francisco looks like a good town for people to keep away from.

This is the month to study into those improvement-bond propositions. Perhaps Kuroki is incidentally studying how to lick the United States.

Then a good many men think the New Woman is too old to be interesting. As calamity-howlers, the railroad magnates are not a howling success.

There is occasionally a spell of really quite pleasant weather in Los Angeles. Maybe more Smiths would become multimillionaires if they were more stentorian.

Philadelphia is to build a \$1,000,000 convention hall—probably to cost about \$2,000,000. Alfred Austin of England says America is without a poet. Austin supposes he is a poet.

Heroulanum is to be excavated. Too bad it doesn't lie in the route of the Panama canal.

The dodge of extracting pennies, nickels and dimes from school children has been overworked. It may take the whole cabinet, and then some, to prevent Oklahoma from going Democratic.

Republicans' votes for Lane did not count in the primary election, but will in the June election. A rare man is running for governor of Florida. He says nobody asked him to become a candidate.

Plymouth, Massachusetts, will have to hold a tri-centennial exposition in 1920 and try to reproduce the pilgrims.

Though with only a pittance of something from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 left, Mr. Gates can still make a few small bets. What a terrible disappointment it must be to a young man to have to wait a month longer than he expected to become a father for the first time!

If all the 14,000,000 voters of the country are for Roosevelt, that \$2,000,000 or the conspiracy would amount to about 35 cents apiece—only enough for a haircut.

A Des Moines bachelor of 60 years has appealed to the police for protection against women who want to marry him. The police are useless in such a case. He will have to give away his property or flee to the mountains or desert.

Pittsburgers are attacked by a new disease called "pneumokoniosis." A doctor says it is caused by a "pseudomelanotic formation induced by carbonaceous accumulations." Death from such a malady seems a fit punishment for the wicked of that town.

ELEVATOR DROPS 60 FEET CARRYING MAN AT WORK

John Finkhouser, engineer in charge of the pumping station on the Brooklyn sewer at East Seventh and Taggart streets, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon which nearly resulted in his death. The hoisting elevator plunged 60 feet to the bottom of the shaft with Finkhouser and when the workmen hauled him out of the tunnel he was unconscious from a scalp wound.

ST. JOHNS PROPERTY HAS STEADY RISE

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Remarks Were Misunderstood

Portland, May 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your paper's report of the recent meeting of the National Industrial Peace association quotes me as intimating during my remarks at said meeting that Rev. Rabbi Wise should resign his membership in the association on account of his frail confidence in the mission of the association.

Mrs. Seafeldt Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., May 8.—Mrs. Althea F. Seafeldt died at the residence of her son, Albert Seafeldt, in upper Astoria yesterday. Mrs. Seafeldt was stricken with paralysis last Thursday and never recovered consciousness. She was 83 years of age, born in this country, and came to Astoria in 1853. She left one son and two daughters residing in Germany and one son in Astoria.

Racing Program at Barns.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Burns, Or., May 9.—It has been practically decided to make the racing program the week of July 4th of four days duration. It promises to be one of the best celebrations ever in this country, and some of the best horses ever seen here will be on the race grounds.

Cove Commercial Club.

Cove, Or., May 9.—Cove has organized a commercial club with a membership of 25, which will be greatly increased. J. E. Stearn is president, George Stock secretary and treasurer. It is the intention of the club to do some good work in the way of improvements in and about Cove.

WOODMEN SWING AX ON NEW LAWS

At the third district convention, Pacific jurisdiction, of the Woodmen of the World, held in the Woodmen hall yesterday the following delegates were elected to represent the district at the head camp session, which will be held in Seattle July 12-13:

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In the course of the afternoon session of the convention Hon. A. L. Hawley, chairman of the board of managers, delivered an address dealing with the proposed change of the rate of assessment on old members of the order. He stated that a resolution would be introduced at the head camp session requiring that the rate of assessment on old members be raised so as to place them on an equally paying basis with the new members of the order. The speaker emphasized his opposition to this course, offering instead a plan to raise the per capita tax on all members.

Mr. Hawley also favored retaining the cumulative plan of insurance policies, which he said had proved a complete success. He reported the organization to be in good sound condition in every way, with ample capital for present needs and good credit.

The question of changing the length of the term of head officers from three to two years came up for discussion. Some of the delegates favored a term of four or six years and a resolution was offered instructing the delegates to vote for a term of six years. It was voted down, however, and the convention then elected the delegates any instruction on this question.

A resolution indorsing the administration of Head Consul Boak and other head camp officers was adopted. A warm half hour resulted from a resolution being offered which would debar liquor dealers from all benefits after death, even though all dues had been paid. The resolution was hotly debated by the delegates, with the opposition. Some members insisted that the law would not sustain the resolution and suggested expulsion from the order. Others favored an amendment to the constitution giving the camps more power. The resolution was finally lost. Newberg was chosen as the next place of meeting.

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QUARANTINE LAW MEETS PROTEST

Delegates Tell Governor Enforcement Would Ruin Some of Washington's Sheepmen.

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FORCE PUBLIC TO USE STREET REFUSE CANS

Police Will Enforce Ordinance Against Dumping Rubbish on City Thoroughfares.

If the plans of the street cleaning department and Chief of Police Crittenden count for anything, Portland will soon be known as a "spotless town." Fifty galvanized cans for the collection of street and sidewalk sweepings are being placed throughout the business section of the city and Chief Crittenden declares that as soon as the receptacles are in place orders will be issued to all patrolmen to strictly enforce the ordinance making it a misdemeanor to dump rubbish of any kind on the public highway.

It is gratified to learn of the intention of the street cleaning department to place cans in the retail district and will use every means in my power to compel all storekeepers and others to dump litter in their instead of on the streets as heretofore.

WISARIA VINE MORE BEAUTIFUL IN OREGON THAN IN NATIVE HOME

Robinson Residence on King Street.

That Oregon's climate is the best in the world for the cultivation of the wistaria vine is the contention of J. C. Robinson, who has a beautiful specimen of the purple flower at his home, 263 King street. Mr. Robinson brought his vine from Japan, the home of the wistaria, 19 years ago.

Although the panicles grow to a length of more than three feet in Japan, Mr. Robinson says the coloring is much more beautiful in Oregon and is more effective in this state. The vine at the Robinson residence climbs over one side of the large two-story house, finally forming a border along the roof. The blossoms are profuse and make a beautiful shade effect.

Mr. Robinson also has a white wistaria at the rear of his house, which he considers more beautiful than the purple blooms. The panicles on the vine grow from about six inches to a foot in length and resemble the lilac flower in shape. The shading is from a light to a dark purple and a rich fragrance adds beauty to the vine.

FAMOUS HORSE THAT WON CREDIT DURING HEPNER FLOOD IS SOLD

E. F. Swaggert, a horse breeder of Lexington, Oregon, is in Portland and has just disposed of Oregon B, which, according to Mr. Swaggert, is the best Oregon-bred horse in the state. Mr. M. C. Hill, a prosperous fruit grower of the Hood river valley, bought the animal for a fancy price yesterday.

Oregon B is a half brother of Oregon Kid, the famous Hunt club horse owned by E. E. Touque of Hillsboro, and the Oregon champion and Oregon George. At the time of the Heppner disaster, Oregon B, then three years old, made a remarkable run of 46 miles to Echo to communicate to the outside world the news of the cloudburst that destroyed half the town. He was guided by Gay Boyer, a lightweight rider. Within 24 hours the horse was returned to his home in Lexington near Heppner as sound as ever.

When the flood came and wiped out all communication there was no way of obtaining relief so badly needed. A good horse was asked for and Boyer rode Swaggert's thoroughbred. At one place Boyer was met by men with fresh horses, but he remained with his own and made the entire 46 miles without rest, the last of which was in sand so treacherous that it can not be traversed with an automobile.

JUVENILE COURT OFFICERS HAVE GOOD EXCUSE TO ATTEND PICNIC

On a special car, between 75 and 100 wards of the juvenile court who are on probation will be taken for a picnic excursion to some point along the Mt. Scott carline Saturday by Judge Fraser of the juvenile court.

The specialist company and boys who are on probation will be provided free by the street cleaning department. Judge Fraser at the court house Saturday morning with their regular monthly reports from their school teachers. After these reports have been read and recorded, the start will be made.

A generous lunch and a baseball outfit will be taken along, and a match game will be played between the detention home team and a club composed of boys on probation, under Officer Nisley. Judge Fraser and Probation Officers Johnson, White, Nisley and Crum will accompany the boys to look after them.

SELLWOOD WILL FIGHT ALL LIQUOR INTERESTS

Organize Civic League for the Purpose of Prohibiting the Sale of Intoxicants.

An organization to be known as the Civic League of Sellwood was organized at the Sellwood Presbyterian church last night. The supreme object will be to prohibit the sale of liquor in precinct 27, including the Oaks resort. An endeavor will also be made to include other precincts in the work.

An especially strong attempt will also be made to prohibit illegal voting in the Sellwood ward which, it is alleged, was principally responsible for the defeat of local option measures last June. Literature setting forth the qualifications of legal voters will be distributed and a close watch of the polling places will be maintained on election day, for the practice of swearing in unregistered voters has not been found conducive to the success of local option measures. William Irile, Rev. D. A. Thompson, R. Finley, C. J. Bentley and E. O. Miller are leading movers in the new league. Meetings will be held regularly until after the election next month.

NORTH PORTLAND WOULD ABOLISH WATER METERS

No water meters, better streets and all kinds of civic improvements are to be worked for by the North Portland Improvement association which was organized at 463 Gilean street last night. J. P. Hally was elected president of the association, E. St. Clair treasurer and John Manning secretary. The organization will take an active part in the coming municipal campaign, will in all probability indorse M. J. Driscoll as a candidate for councilman.

FLOATERS WERE VICTIMS OF KNOCK-OUT DROPS

Bodies Found in Aberdeen Bay Thought to Be Result of Foul Play.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, May 9.—Coroner Girard expresses himself as being of the strong belief that some of the men whose bodies have been recovered from the rivers of the waterfront were undoubtedly victims of knock-out drops. He said, "As long as Aberdeen allows the saloons and dives in which the worthless element carry on their nefarious practices, it may expect to find the bodies of murdered men at any time."

So confident is the coroner in the truth of his theory of poisoned drink, that he tried unsuccessfully to induce the county commissioners to make an allowance out of the county funds for the purpose of having a chemical analysis made of the contents of the stomachs of one of the bodies found. Inquiries have been made at the morgue for four persons who are missing, besides those found and identified. One of the missing persons is said to be a Pinkerton detective, who was sent here on a special mission, but who has been neither seen or heard of since his arrival.