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If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse trap, than his neighbor, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.—Emerson.

THE RAILROADS' LATEST MOVE.

IT HAS been announced officially that the railroads will acquiesce in the decisions made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the eastern lumber rate cases but will contest the order made in the Willamette valley case.

In bringing this case the railroads are assuming that having satisfied all the other lumber interests in the northwest, they will cease to take any active interest in the valley case, leaving those concerned to bear the brunt of a fight, that if won by the railroads will again place not only the lumber industry but every other industry so far as freight rates are concerned, at their mercy.

Professing a belief in control and regulation, they hate the very thought of it. No law was ever introduced in any legislative body for this purpose that their agents will not try to defeat or to make innocuous.

So here, the forum created by law to pass upon the question having decided it, they now seek to destroy that tribunal. They seek in this suit to have the act to regulate commerce, the Hepburn act, declared unconstitutional. If they succeed, all control will be gone—the work of years lost.

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REACTIONARIES.

IN OREGON reactionaries are at work. In the nation they are in full career of activity. All over the world, the spirit of reaction that, though overwhelmed, never sleeps, is alert.

WHAT WILL IT AMOUNT TO?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is to be applauded for his determination to push the prosecution of Standard Oil, but the question is, what will it amount to? In the final denouement is the corporation not almost certain to be a victor and the government be vanquished?

turally adds to the wonder of what might not possibly be law in our national opinion. In his opinion in the Standard Oil case, Judge Grosscup laid stress on the fact that the witness Bogardus claimed ignorance of the fact that the 18-cent rate was the real rate and that he believed the 6-cent rate to be the only rate, all of which is interesting when it is notorious and common knowledge that many an individual has been sentenced in courts for offenses committed in utter ignorance of the fact that it was a violation of law.

We all respect our courts and honor them, but after all, the judges are mere men, and men are only mortal. Incidents of the past do not encourage the view that the oil corporation will be severely dealt with by our courts, and suggest that a change in the type of man who is to appoint federal judges for a period hereafter could do no possible harm, and might do a great deal of good.

A SON OF OREGON.

ONE of the probable nominees for supreme judge in the state of Washington, is Judge Stephen J. Chadwick of Colfax. Judge Chadwick is an Oregon product, and remarkably eligible for the position.

In his youth Judge Chadwick, on account of his amiability and intelligence was widely popular, a condition that has followed him into his maturity. Though a Democrat, he has served several terms as superior judge in a district overwhelmingly Republican.

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BETTER AMERICA INSPIRED THAN AMERICA SOBER

Prof. Hugo Munsterberg in the August, McClure's.

What would result if prohibition should really prohibit, and the inhibitions which a mild dose of beer and wine promise to the brain really be lost?

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From the Dallas Itemizer.

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The REALM OF FEMININE

The Power of the Gang.

WHAT period of mental distress that every mother goes through when her boy gets to the "gang age" is perhaps the most trying time that she will ever know.

It seems the fulfillment of the solemn and momentous fears that surged over her heart when she bent above his little bed when he was a baby, so pure and so innocent. She can not but think that it is the climax of all those fears for his future, when she shows this loyalty to the gang, that casting overboard, apparently, of home affections, and that striking out for himself the matter of his future companions that he evidences at some stage of his boyhood.

It comes sooner to some boys than others, for the more adventurous will become enamored of the gang idea at six, and some more cautious and more carefully guarded will not strike off the gang until about 12 or 14 years of age. But whenever it comes it is a sorrow that the mother can not know all the details of. They would not let her into their secrets. They are so tight-lipped that she can not know all the details of. They would not let her into their secrets. They are so tight-lipped that she can not know all the details of.

It is only in the hope of showing some mother that the situation is not so fearful as she thinks that these few suggestions are given.

In the first place it is absolutely necessary that a boy should have companions, both those of his own age and those a few years older, both of his own rank and those of other ranks of life. For a boy has got