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A guilty conscience is like a whirlpool, drawing in all to itself which would otherwise pass it by.—Fuller.

THE REAL ISSUE

THE REAL issue in the senatorial controversy is not who is to be the man that is to be senator. It is not a question of what is his name. It is not a question of what is his party. The real issue is bigger than the man. It is bigger than any party. It is a principle. Men die and parties decay, but a principle is eternal. It never changes. It is the same yesterday and tomorrow. A principle of this character is at stake in Oregon. It is one that has been controverted and warred over since the beginning. It is one over which rivers of blood have been shed and multitudes of men slain. It is the time worn question of whether the many shall rule themselves, or whether they shall be ruled by a few. It is the question of whether the many shall be masters, or whether they shall be servants.

ALAS, FOR PUBLIC ORDER!

THE MOB spirit has been given encouragement in Illinois. A jury has failed to convict one of the leaders of the Springfield mob. The failure is disappointing in that it was believed that there was a case with sufficient evidence and enough public sentiment back of it to raise a check against mob violence. The effect cannot be otherwise than demoralizing. It is practical demonstration to those who lead mobs that there is small retributive peril in their acts. It opens the way for them to lead in another scene of disorder, arson and murder whenever occasion again suggests a foray. It is the more lamentable in that this miscarriage of the law is in the conservative state of Illinois. It is a state in which the race problem is not nearly so aggravated as in the south. The denouement is one to have been expected in Mississippi, because of the pent up racial feeling prevalent there, but hardly to have been looked for in Illinois.

A JOLLY YOUNG OLD MAN

HERE'S TO Uncle Billy Brown, of Dallas. Not that he is literally an uncle of ours, or even an acquaintance—we wish he was—but he is "uncle" to a multitude of people who admire him. Uncle Billy has just celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, and as his guests at a bountiful dinner he had 78 widows and widowers of Dallas and vicinity. Last year he similarly entertained widows only, but whether because he thought this too dangerous, or in order to promote matrimony among the relicts, he this year extended his invitation to widowers also. And a jolly time they had, with Uncle Billy setting the pace. For years Uncle Billy Brown has been gaining a reputation as a gay old boy, and he evidently doesn't mean to sleep on his laurels until he becomes really old. Some years, when he gets a good price for his hops, he scatters a bushel, more or less, of small coins on the town common for children to rustle for, and in other ways he annually or oftener lets his neighbors know that he is very much alive, and still able to look on the bright side of life. He refuses to become silent and morose and crabbed because he is old in years, but makes people know that he is yet young and jolly, notwithstanding his fourscore and more years.

FINCH AND INSANITY

CAN ANY member of the Portland bar afford to enter a plea of insanity in behalf of Assassin Finch? It is conceded that the murderer should have a fair and impartial trial. That much the law contemplates and justice demands. No more is required. No more should be attempted in the prosecution. No more should be essayed in the defense.

BURTON AND C. P. TAFT

M. R. CHARLES P. TAFT, according to the report of Treasurer Sheldon, contributed \$110,000 to the Republican campaign fund, and it is known that he spent a large amount of money in his brother's behalf before the nomination, so that his total outlay in this regard probably amounts to \$200,000, or perhaps \$250,000. Now he wants to be rewarded with a seat in the senate.

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From the Boston Traveler: Japan's imperial rescript just issued in the community the need of economy and simplicity, the emperor saying that for the purpose of keeping pace with the constant progress of the world and participating in the blessings of its civilization, the development of national resources is essential. He calls on all classes to act in union, to be faithful to their callings, frugal in their domestic management, submissive to the dictates of conscience and the call of duty; frank and sincere in their manners; and inured to arduous trial, eschewing indulgences. Nothing finer in the way of an appeal to a people has ever been issued by a ruler.

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AN ANTI-GUN LAW

IT IS acknowledged that some difficulties stand in the way of a repression of the gun habit. But that is no reason for inaction. If there were no obstacles to overcome there would be no great careers. It is often the difficulties that must be conquered that make the ultimate worth while.

A first step in dealing with the folly would seem to be a strict regulation of the sale of firearms. Make the buyer present a permit and require the dealer to report the sale to police authorities. The record might sometimes be a means of explaining a murder. The requirement might some time be a means of preventing a murder. If so, it would be worth the trouble.

The permit or license should be surrounded with rigid restrictions and its issuance be in the hands of responsible authorities. Circuit judges, who have constantly before them examples of the folly of the gun habit, have been suggested as proper authority to pass upon whether or not applicants should be permitted to carry concealed weapons. Perhaps it would be still better to vest this authority in a single individual, as is done in Los Angeles and other cities, where the mayor is the only official who can give such a permit.

the late Springfield horror was the embryo? It is time for men to stay their hands. It is time for mobs to check their spirit of abandon. The example is intensely evil in its tendency. It is a menace already overlaid.

Thus far the restrictions would be easy. Their practicability is patent. The enforcement would present more difficult problems. In this public sentiment can enforce any law. It can compel officers to be vigilant. It can compel courts to mete out ample penalties. It can require officers to search any and all suspects. It can be the strongest of all influences in eliminating this concealed weapon folly. It can, when murderous acts are committed, be a factor in seeing that there is retribution and thereby discourage pistol practice on human beings.

No life is safe when a community is an armed camp. Possession of a weapon is temptation to use it. It makes men more violent when in dispute. It makes men more hair-brained when they believe themselves wronged. It was not insanity; it was his ready revolver that nerved Finch's hand. The manner in which he did the deed shows that without the gun he would never have been bold enough for an attack. A concealed weapon is a coward's first resort and a brave man's Nemesis. It is a bane of the social life and if to legislate against it presented a hundredfold more difficulties that would be no reason for rational people to shrink before the task.

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required number of experts, if paid enough, will confirm this statement. But judge and jury should give it no credence.

Mr. Taft says that Tim Woodruff by withdrawing from the senatorial contest, "has established his claim to the gratitude of the Republicans of New York." This is not very complimentary to Tim, but if there was any danger of his election is quite true.

The trusts are showing signs of disgust with Mr. Taft, on hearing that he is really in favor of genuine tariff reform, especially when he did not commit himself during the campaign. Has the man no gratitude on account of the solid trust vote?

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Letters to The Journal should be written on the side of the paper and should be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The same will not be used if the writer asks that his name be withheld. It is not to be understood as endorsing the views or statements of correspondents. Letters should be short and to the point. Letters with their returners when not used should be returned to the sender.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Make the last month of the year the best. This is the best week of the three to buy 'em.

There is yet plenty of time in which to predict a hard winter.

To the extent of his ability to hate, how that terribly bereaved young widow must hate whiskey and a revolver.

Like all multimillionaire magnates, Mr. Rockefeller has a wonderful memory; it can either remember or forget, just as he desires.

Now Indianapolis is working up a world's fair. Among other things it can display is a great number and variety of literary fables.

The Forest Grove News advises all married couples who visit Portland to take their marriage certificates along. Yes, we are very moral here.

What a government; with one hand it tries to preserve the forests and with the other it offers a big premium to the lumbermen to destroy them.

President Eliot wisely resigned and so is able to read a great many complimentary articles about himself, that otherwise would not have been published till he was dead.

The president says he has little regard for his own life and his opinions. When it comes to the matters of an immense navy and a probable war with Japan, most level headed people will agree with Roosevelt.

A Chicago rabbi says that in valuing a woman 75 per cent should be allowed for cooking ability, 20 per cent for physical beauty and 6 per cent for dress. It is easily perceived that he greatly enjoys a good meal.

Two Umatilla county men have recently applied for a divorce on the ground that they have been physically abused by their wives. But a good many wives will have to lick their husbands before the score is evened up.

The Commoner remarks that if Senator Elkins is weary of all this fuss about the duke and the daughter he would do well to merely showing that he has lost all his money or that he isn't going to let go of any of it.

Detroit News: God's tariff walls are the boundaries of climates, the differentials in the variety of crops and God's free trade is the human desire to share and exchange the sun's wealth of the north for the sun's fruits of the south, and so on.

An ungallant Wisconsin man named Beggs says that a woman knows just as well as a man how to get out of a street car, but out of her natural contrariness she will step off backward instead of forward. She just does not want to do it in the proper manner. This is probably a prejudiced opinion, yet it opens up a deep question. How would it run the railroad managers and the men who run the cars backward, and on the left hand track?

THE JUNE VOTE IGNORED

From the Monmouth Herald: Taft carried Oregon by 25,000 and for that reason the Oregonian advocates that the Oregonian should violate their pledge to the people. However, it makes no mention of the fact that the legislature shall vote for the senator in the June election, received a majority of 48,506, or nearly double the majority of Taft.

PEOPLE'S WILL MUST BE DONE

From the Mount Scott Tribune: The Tribune does not believe that the people voted Chamberlain for senator because he happens to train with the Democratic party, but because they believed he was the best man for the place. Nor do we believe that the vote would be different now, since Taft was elected. The vote for senator and the vote for president was two different matters, and the one had no bearing on the other.

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WOULD INVITE THE RECALL

From the St. Johns Review: It goes without saying that the Statement No. 1 man who does not support Chamberlain for the senate, thus advertising himself as a liar, dishonest, corrupt and unfit to represent the intelligent voters who elected him, should be given the benefit of the recall. In any event such an action on his part means political suicide and he will be a marked man, in whom no one will have confidence. There is no death in the Republican party, and we would name a number that Mr. Chamberlain; but the people of the state have declared him their choice and they will not be deceived by the election on the special pledge that he would carry out this expressed wish, and to not do so would forfeit the integrity of the Republican party in the eyes of honest men.

A PRINCIPLE AT STAKE

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

A man below The Dalles raised a lot of good peanuts this year.

About 46 carloads of winter apples will be shipped from The Cove.

A Newport man and his wife caught 21 large salmon in one day.

The demand for new homes is constantly on the increase in Lakeview.

The Burns Times-Herald is 21 years old and has been owned by the Byrds for 19 years.

A Mosier man has let the contract for clearing 320 acres of land to Hindus and now over 25 of them are at work.

Drilling at the oil well on the Dufur place and also at the Bevis-May oil well, in Wasco county, is progressing nicely.

About 10,000 pounds of turkeys for Thanksgiving were shipped from Albany, although the supply was smaller than usual.

During October a Marshfield mill shipped to San Francisco and Seattle 4,45,000 bushels of lumber and 497,000 lbs. besides selling a large quantity in the local market.

In 1898 the assessment of Eugene's property interests, both real and personal, was \$1,429,240. Last year, 1907, the assessment was \$1,429,240. This year it will probably exceed \$4,000,000.

In a week Eugene raised \$51,089 for a Y. M. C. A. building, of which effort the following are the names of the contributors: \$5 per capita for every human being in Eugene and some to spare. In Chicago, Portland and Seattle the world. If the smaller cities of the state of Oregon are going to get into the race they must learn "The Eugene Way." No advertisement that was ever written will speak so loudly for bringing good people to Eugene or bringing bad people away from Eugene as a statement of the work of the last eight days and its results. So let all the people devoutly pray that the men who live in this community and among a people who will take such pride in fostering and properly training the coming manhood of America.

"Within a few years there will be all kinds of fruit growing on our soil," one fruitgrower was heard to say to another on the streets of Dufur. "One does not realize the magnitude of what is being done in the raising of new orchards along Fifteen Mile creek and the slopes on either side until you get to figuring on it. The farms are so well irrigated that they will produce fruit that is not like some fruit districts where each man has his 10 or 20 acres and devotes to it nearly all his life and energy. In our country here we are going into the business in the same large way they raised wheat. They are raising fruit on a large scale, being prepared at a single stroke, and the country near Dufur is rapidly being converted from one of the best fruit producing regions and we can raise as good fruit as anybody."

LIFE ON THE FARM

By Mrs. M. T.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—For the best article written I see you offer a prize which I know the ladies that are better qualified than I am to write a limited article, will get, although I will do what I can and if not acceptable there is no harm done. Now I have been a farmer's wife about 36 years and find a woman's advice wheel to make things agreeable and run smoothly is a mother. Children are born, they grow up, they marry, and when nearly everything else will fail, teach them the first commandment given by promise was to them, which reads: "Children, obey your parents, for your days may be long upon earth," and reverse the commandment and they can see at once how true the Bible is. I have never seen a boy or girl who came young coming to some untimely death. Tell them there are only three steps to the mother's heaven, and that is: first, obey your parents; second, their teachers in school; third, the laws of the land, and if the penalty is death they must pay the cost. Too many mothers and fathers and girls to keep their wrongdoings from the public, and such favoring is the ruin of many children. Now this is the first commandment, and the second one is, always take an interest in your husband's work as well as your own. Not only obeying, but doing your own part, and if you have a wife who is not able to identify their own stock if left widows, I saw a lady a few years ago that did not know her own cows and she had a mother-in-law who had eggs, but she kept posted on all the styles and looked after the wardrobe very well. I tell you their home was a heaven. I have seen a man who had a mortgage and was soon to go. A woman must use economy on a farm and look after her poultry and garden and above all, be neat and ready at the proper hour, so her husband knows his meals are waiting and he never has to get up and get over call on him to stop the team out of the crop to take you to town. See that your wants are supplied before he gets busy. I have seen a man who had the crops out in due season and if a farmer has such a wife the children will be more apt to take interest. Keep things tidy around your house, have the children help you; it will teach them and make the home attractive and pleasant.

CONTRIBUTED RECIPES

GINGER BRICKS—One and one-half cups of brown sugar (or one cup molasses and one-half cup brown sugar), one cup butter, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one cup of sour milk, two teaspoonfuls each of cinnamon, ginger and cloves, one cup flour, two well beaten eggs, beaten white and yolks separate last thing before baking, makes a nice rain cake if one cup of seedless raisins are added. Bake just before putting into pan. A nice brown cake to frost.

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