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Let the wise man be considered as a fool, the just man as unjust, if his rigorous adherence even to the virtue itself carries him beyond proper bounds.—Horace.

LEADERS OF INDUSTRY

CARLYLE SAID: "The leaders of industry, if ever industry is to be led, are virtually the captains of the world; if there be no nobleness in them, there will never be an aristocracy more. But let the captains of industry consider; they are born of other clay than the old captains of slaughter."

Though there are captains of industry in these days who are as giants to pigmies as compared with those when Carlyle wrote, his message is still true and important, and even more now than then. To sum it up, the great captains of industry, unless they make for evil, tyranny, decadence and destruction, must stand and lead for justice and moral righteousness.

These captains of industry, if they would lead the world aright, if they would not bring catastrophe and cataclysm upon it, must not be narrowly selfish. They must lead in all movements for the benefit and uplift of the working world, of mankind as a whole.

Instead of combining to dictate unjust and oppressive laws for the masses of the people, that the captains may become inordinately rich, they should seek to lead the way to greater prosperity and happiness for all. But as yet too many of them are as Carlyle described them in his day—"a mere gold plated doggy, with more or less gold carillon at its disposal."

AS TO PRIVATE ASYLUMS

AGAINST private asylums, sanitariums and kindred institutions are of small consequence and worthy of little attention or concern. They are as numerous and recurrent as reappearances of the measles, and mostly a far less reason for alarm. They are so frequent and so persistent in recurrence as to suggest that they are psychically contagious and a matter of custom rather than reason.

come an almost ceaseless harassment of the community. But the grand jury in its report recommends that in one instance such charges be investigated, and what is better, that all of the private institutions be placed under public inspection.

OREGON TRUST INDICTMENTS

RELATED indictments in the case of a bank failure are better than none. In the case of the Oregon Trust it was always manifest that investigation was important. A long list of depositors had entrusted funds to the institution for safekeeping.

But it is important that bankers should be not only honest, but extremely prudent. All bankers who fall are not thieves at heart. All are not infallible in finance and may honestly err through lack of sagacity.

To make the imprudent more prudent and penalize the dishonest, we should, when there are bank failures, demand investigations. We should have laws to fit the case and invariably apply the laws.

TAG DAYS

THE GOOD humor with which the public submits to tag day is a display of a reassuring trait in American character. There are few if any who yield the trivial toll in other than a gentle mood. Beyond the offering each victim sees a deserving institution that is to be the beneficiary.

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earth. The grave for his mother was the work of his own small hands, and when the body was lowered the same hands helped to shovel back earth to earth and dust to dust.

CHICAGO STANDS BY CRANE

THAT WAS a rather severe if a roundabout slap that a large number of prominent Chicago business men gave the administration, and especially Secretary Knox, in their invitation to Mr. Charles R. Crane, not minister to China, to be their guest at a public dinner.

Your unusual discretion, prudence, wisdom and modesty had been demonstrated to us by an acquaintance extending over 25 years of an active business and social life. So far no conduct of your own has diminished our confidence in your fitness.

If law is law and our government not anarchy, public docks are to be established in Portland. True enough, arguments against the plan are mouthed in certain public prints, but against them there is over at the city hall the record of a decision already rendered by the sovereign electorate.

FARMERS WAKING UP

MASS MEETING of Umatilla county farmers and others has been held at Pendleton to protest against the odious ship subsidy proposition. Grain buyers estimate that the proposed ship subsidy law would raise the freight rate on wheat shipped from the Pacific coast to Europe \$1 a ton, or 3 cents a bushel.

HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE

NEWS STORY that came out of Colorado Springs during the week should touch the heart of the country. There were only a mother and 12-year-old son in the family, and the mother was in the last stages of tuberculosis.

TAMMANY

THE PREVAILING impression, though not a very confident one, is that Tammany will win again in New York city Tuesday—or at least that Gaynor will be elected—and if Tammany elects him it will be difficult to say the least, for him to oppose the organization. But he knows what Tammany is, knows that the Bohemian tells the truth when it says: "Tammany has never once in all its history harbored a patriotic impulse in its bosom."

do we care about public policy? or official right conduct? or system? or conservative management? Jobs, coin—that is what they want, and other people can have the honor and the applause.

PORTLAND AND PUGILISM

IT WILL be of no possible service to Portland for professional pugilism to be introduced here. The status the city has maintained in this respect should remain unchanged. Amateur bouts under the auspices of the Multnomah Athletic club with its excellent reputation are not only unobjectionable, but a wholesome activity for those who recognize the importance of physical culture.

In the amateur status boxing is not only harmless, but helpful. It is the commercialization of the game that leads to abuses. In its commercialized aspect it is an unworthy and unwholesome activity. We who condemn the Mexican bull fight as brutal cannot in consistency uphold pugilism, for the two are on a level.

Mr. J. T. Llewallen, president of the Umatilla county organization of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative association of America, pointed out that it was not wheat growers alone who would be injuriously affected by this tax, and said that business men, professional men and laboring men were all indirectly interested, for their prosperity is indissolubly linked with that of the farmers.

INFANT MORTALITY—WHY?

Investigation by American Academy of Medicine

APPROXIMATELY the appalling mortality among the babies, not only in our own land but throughout the civilized world, no single factor can be pointed out as the primary cause of this blot on our modern civilization. The problem and the possibility of its prevention are to be considered at a special conference arranged by the American Academy of Medicine, to be held at New Haven, Conn., Nov. 11 and 12.

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The Optimist newspaper of The Dalles gives this advice to Republicans: "At the election next year let us draw the party lines closely, and decide that any man who signs Statement No. 1 is a traitor to his party." Very well; and let all the "traitors" who believe in the election of United States senators by the people, and in the primary law and direct legislation when needed, get out and vote against the machine politicians that would destroy these laws.

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Decide Quickly and Be Firm.

DECIDING thoughts on the value of quick decisions is given by Margaret E. Baugher, in the May 'Practical' column. She says: "The subject as it affects women, for they are much more likely to be wavering in the matter of decisions than are men."

"A woman whose training and habit of thought have combined in giving her a decision of character not long ago was on a shopping excursion with a young girl of her acquaintance.

"She dragged her chaperone from one store to another, in the street, rattling as to the advantages of silk over wool and wool over felt, wondering in one breath which her mother would prefer and in the next worrying lest a color or a shade should not suit her complexion.

"The woman's experience was repeated when the young woman about the selection of a hat. She could not make up her mind she wanted a waving plume or a great bunch of flowers, and between one style and another she wavered in hopeless indecision.

"The trouble in Greece appears to be of the tempest-in-a-teapot sort. If Byron could see the Greece of the recent past he would realize that he fought, bled and died in vain.

Is the whole truth, as well as some truth, being told to the grand jury? Supposing this to be the case, there should be beneficial results.

The deaths on the baseball diamond numbered 19 for the season, but in spite of all that was said and done, not an umpire is missing.

Herbert L. Satterlee's Birthday. Herbert L. Satterlee, lawyer and financier, was born in New York, October 31, 1863, and graduated from Columbia university when 20 years old.

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