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MR. SATAN.

Citing accepted, but platitudinous truths regarding the majority or independents in the Multnomah county republican convention, the Simonites protested against the division of spoils of office, and refused to go into the adjourned session which named the city and county ticket of that party. These Simonites, exhibited righteous indignation and enunciated sentiments that would be worthy a place in the political code of heaven. What they said was true, and it was unwise from a party standpoint to deny more of representation to the minority. It would have made for success at the polls in June had the independents shown a spirit of greater liberality. As it is now, the Simonites apparently expect to do some "bumping" when election day comes, and the political complexion in Multnomah county is widely different from what it would have been had not the majority ridden roughshod over the minority.

However, as to the protest of the Simonites, it is necessary only to quote this:

"When the devil was sick, the devil a saint would be. When the devil was well, the devil a saint was he."

Sermons on political purity, fairness and equity come with poor grace from the Simon faction, with as poor grace as would come a sermon by Satan on the divinity of Christ. When has the Simon faction been pure? When fair? When equitable? Who nags not the Simon faction ridden roughshod over all opponents? When has it not denied its minority all recognition? When has it not used the party for political pilfering? Upon what occasion has it done anything that would not be done by the most corrupt city political gang in the United States? Only when it was not necessary, for when it was necessary, that Simon faction has hesitated at nothing, has halted before no method or plan, has refused to do nothing that would accomplish the desired results. Expediency, and expediency only, with principle flung to the winds, has been the one, the prime, the only desideratum, and for the Simon faction to preach sermons upon the acts of the independents, is for Satan to ask for orders from some evangelical denomination.

THAT "HOBBY."

A political writer on a Portland paper referred to the demands of Eastern Oregon people, in connection with recent comments upon the situation in state politics:

"As for the opening of the Columbia river, that has always been a hobby in Eastern Oregon."

While that particular writer may not be instructed thoroughly regarding the status of the Columbia river and the protestations of Portland that that city is sincere in its claims that everything shall be done to hurry the federal government to make ample appropriations, it creates anything but good feeling here in eastern Oregon to read references to the project that carry a covert sneer. Portland time and again has vigorously announced that she desires to see the improvements above The Dalles, and it would be wise to follow such a course as to strengthen eastern Oregon's belief in the sincerity of the claim. Portland

has some eggs in the federal appropriation basket that she would not like to see broken.

AN ENGLISH SNOB.

William Waldorf Astor, the expatriated American, has a correspondent for his Pall Mall Gazette, who writes from New York stuff that is amazing to patriotic citizens born here who retain some small vestige of their innate love for the country that gave them birth, and that boasts the establishment of the great principle of the man's equal rights to labor and win success in any walk in life. If one may contain himself from a burst of indignation at the insulting tone of that correspondent's letter, which the snobbish Astor permitted to appear in the columns of his Pall Mall Gazette, let him read this:

"At the present moment it is by no means a foregone conclusion that Whitelaw Reid will be the accredited special ambassador for this country. The outcry against his officially representing this country is so great that I would not be surprised to find the president eventually backing down on this point.

"The truth is Mr. Roosevelt is expecting re-election, and the votes have to be considered. In this way even the president cannot always obey the innate promptings of a gentleman in extending the courtesies of his country. This is one of the studies of a republic. It is to be neither praised nor blamed, but simply understood.

"Editors here suggest and they ought to know, that there is no need of a gentleman in this country, and they are certainly interpreted to the public as a lot of embroidered, dancing fops, who have no necessary place in a land where everybody is expected to work for his living. That is more or less true, for politics is closed to a man who will not seek votes in the Irish slums, and it is not easy to see why people of independent means remain here.

"America is intensely interesting, and as an industrial and inventive center, its educational advancement is doubtless a necessity in the general improvement of the world. It is a good place for any man who has to make a living. I would be the last to say a word against it in any way, though why traveling people of independent means should remain longer than a week in this country is not readily to be comprehended."

YOUTHFUL IMMORALITY.

The papers have had much to print about the arrest of a Brooklyn girl for the murder of a young business man who was found dead in a room they both occupied in a New York hotel. The facts developed to be that while the young woman was about to become a mother and thus supplied the motive of revenge necessary for the prosecution, no evidence could be adduced going to fasten the crime upon her. Though she was acquitted of the charge, her unhappy story with all it involves to her family, her friends and her own future become public property, and a peculiarly humiliating thing brought out was the testimony of the young man's mother that she had herself advised the girl to commit suicide as the best avenue of escape from the trouble into which the young man's perfidy and her own weakness had brought her.

So heartless counsel could come only from a bad mother. Want of proper home training is held responsible for the girl's folly in this case, and this unfeeling woman's advice to poor Florence Burns indicates that the same lack is largely to blame for the young man's wildness. No young man thus brought up would thus seduce an innocent girl and seek as Walter Brooks did, to throw her off for a fresher face that pleased his eye and suggested to him another victim of his cruel arts. These are very common stories these days of working girls and widespread newspaper publicity, and while it would be reckless to assert that they are more numerous, population considered, than formerly, they are equally too numerous, and alarming enough to deserve inquiry for their cause and, if possible, their cure.

One reason for the youthful immorality that shocks us on every side is the decline of religious conviction. Homes of the middle classes a generation ago were dominated by a real belief in a future punishment for earthly misdeeds. This belief has been shattered or modified far more than our creeds or pulpits comprehend. Scientific research has been popularized sufficiently to persuade thousands of well born and fairly intelligent people that if the lot of humanity is not annihilation itself, then the conduct of the life here makes little difference in the individual's status in the life beyond. The old religious au-

thority for honesty and purity is dissolving. The Bible is coming to be regarded as reputable and even exemplary, but not perfect in its authenticity or binding in its commands. The masses, perhaps, are not yet permeated with this belief; and there parental authority prevails, aided by the necessities and environments of poverty. But the middle classes, who are more enlightened than they used to be, are less devotional. The young people who are loosely formed on moral and religious lines, are precisely those who have social freedom and money in their pockets for carriages, suppers and hotels.

The religious aspect of the case is one in which censure should be sparingly employed, and yet serious minds, both within and without the public incline to the view that Christian teachers by stubbornly clinging to the literal inspiration of the scriptures and material conceptions of the future state have reprehensibly involved the whole religious frame work in hypocrisy and doubt. This is a serious charge, and in any case must be tempered with concession of right purposes in our theologians and teachers. If they have erred it is in the head and not the heart. It is also true that moral training that brings good results can be and frequently is inculcated without orthodox or even heterodox basis of any kind. Besides the work of the scientist has been essentially that of an iconoclast. He has torn down the ancient landmarks of the spiritual life and sits comfortably on their ruins, careless as to the materials of a superstructure that must take its place. The scientist is a man as well as a student. As a member of the human family it is as much his concern that men shall be saved from sin as from ignorance. It would be a hard task, among our great minds that have waged battles against the myths and superstitions of the race, to find an equal zest in lifting our frail humanity to a better life.

Another element in the problem is sociologic. The growth of cities and the industrial and professional standard giving women thorough passing of prejudice have put our girls more out in the world and less at home. Co-education has helped to give them more the abandon of the man of the world and less of the modesty of maidenhood. It is not wise to deplore the change, it is altogether useless. But it is certain that mothers have not at all adapted their training to the changed conditions. Girls could once be left innocent of much knowledge that they now must learn. The bride of former days went to her husband as guileless of nature's mysterious and sacred secrets as the new-born babe. In this helpless and uninformed state the young women of today, with her greater freedom, cannot be left.

Innocence abroad is a prey to the evils that once were powerless to invade the precincts of the home's quiet and circumscribed life. The young person who is her own mistress at sixteen must be armed with intelligence that could be exercised vicariously for her when she was guarded until she was 25 or married. It is much the same with young men. Opportunity makes the crime, and will do so unless the prospective perpetrators are forewarned. The end of the road whither the first false step leads should be shown to every Walter Brooks before he is murdered in jealousy; and to every Florence Burns before she has closed upon herself the door of an honest and happy life. Eternal vigilance on the part of



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