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A prince can make a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, and a' that,
But an honest man's aboon his night,
Guid faith, he maunna fa' that;
For a' that, and a' that,
Their dignities, and a' that,
The pith o' sense and pride o' worth
Are higher rank than a' that.
Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will for a' that—
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
May bear the gree, and a' that;
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that.
—Robert Burns

EASTERN WHEAT CROP.

The estimates of the Eastern wheat crop, made by crop expert, W. B. Snow, of the agricultural department, are not encouraging. The finger of the agricultural department is on the wheat crop of the United States from the day the seed is covered in the ground, until it returns to the granaries, a golden stream. Therefore the estimates made by the department are about correct.

So far as threshing has progressed in the Eastern states, the average is very low. In fact, the crop is a disappointment to the experts and the farmers, who have been in close touch with the situation.

The heavy straw and the thrifty appearance of the crops led to the belief that the Central states would yield an average crop. Such is not the case. In the Middle West, where the great bulk of the American wheat crop grows, the yield is lower than for several years.

Threshing results to date have been received covering operations of from one to a half dozen machines, from widely scattered districts, and the showing is significant. In Putnam county, Indiana, the average to date is nine bushels; in Illinois, Marion county shows five bushels; Clay, five to 15; in Iowa, Hamilton county gives 12 bushels; Clinton, seven to 11; Marion county, Mo., shows eight to 11 bushels.

Portions of Kansas and Nebraska are falling to make good early promise, but generally speaking the yields in these states are satisfactory. It is apparent that in spite of an increase of more than 2,000,000 acres in area harvested, the winter wheat crop will be little if any larger than last year.

TO CONTROL THE EVIL.

Spokane is wrestling with the social evil, as are most other western cities, in her own peculiar way. It is very easy to dictate from the pulpit and editor's desk, how the gambling and house of ill-fame questions should be met, but it is another thing to get into the harness and deal with these evils as a member of the council, or mayor.

The ministers of Spokane are condemning the mayor for licensing and collecting fines from the bawdy houses, for the benefit of the city. Heretofore, these fines have been distributed among the police force and while the city tolerated the evil and bore the expense of keeping order in the whitechapel districts, it received no turn from the houses.

Mayor Boyd, who has just taken his office, has determined that grafting shall cease, and the fines collected from all sources of vice, shall be

contributed to the expense of maintaining the city government. By this change of plan the city of Spokane will realize \$400 per month.

The mayor has also determined to protect the fallen women from the extortion of the landlords, and has fixed a limit to the rents which may be charged. He recognizes the inexorable fact, that the evil will always be present in the community and that the sooner it becomes systematized and orderly, and a contributor to the city treasury, the better it will be for all concerned.

Another matter decided upon by the mayor of Spokane, is that the houses of ill-fame shall be confined to one district. The ultra-moral class has been agitating the removal of the whitechapel district and the distribution of the inmates to the isolated portions of the city.

Mayor Boyd is opposed to this plan, and his reasons apply to every city dealing with this subject. By confining them to one well designated location, the respectable people of the community can avoid them. By having it known that a certain district was allotted to these cancerous municipal plagues, people buying homes and building homes, would be protected and could locate at a distance from them with an assurance that they would be free from any future spread of the evil.

By scattering them and driving them from the fixed location, is to distribute them in the best portions of the city. No home would be free from the contamination. They would rent homes and resorts in the residence portions and would hide under various guises in the heart of the business centers. To break up a whitechapel district in any city is to make a bad matter worse. The closer the immoral classes can be herded together, the better it is for all respectable people.

THE MERGER IS LEGAL.

Judge William Lecron, of the United States district of St. Paul, this morning decided that the Northern Securities Company is not organized in violation of the anti-trust law, and that the state of Minnesota has not made a case against it.

He decides that the Securities Company is not strictly a railroad, that it was not organized for the purpose of controlling freight rates, that in cornering all the stock of these two great systems, the defendants have not violated the anti-trust law and that, therefore, the people of Minnesota have no just grievance against an innocent corporation, which has no evil designs upon the industrial life of the commonwealth.

The state of Minnesota has made a vigorous fight against the merger. All the evidence that could possibly be demanded by an impartial court as to the illegal features of the organization, has been furnished. Cases in which the merger was shown beyond doubt to have been formed for the express purpose of controlling, arbitrarily, all the freight rates of the Northwest, have been submitted to the court.

The schedules of the roads before and after the formation of the merger were introduced in evidence and numerous cases of unjust and flagrant violation of the provisions of the anti-trust law, were presented.

While it is too early to pass judgment upon the justice of the decision, in the absence of the details of all the evidence, it appears to be a case of corporate strength against the people, with the judge on the side of the corporations.

The history of the merger was too well known, before the trial was called, to admit of any doubt of its illegal nature. Its very inception was a truce between the great rivals in the carrying trade of the Northwest, and the consolidation of their interests, was a signal that rates and shipping regulations would be arbitrarily controlled and that no competition would thereafter stand on the side of the farmers as a protection from unjust rates.

The decision is made, but it will not settle the merger. The people will demand that the anti-trust law be enforced or its emptiness finally shown.

The latest attractive exhibit received at the Oregon Information Bureau rooms in Portland, is an easel eight feet in height, containing a tablet made of native Oregon woods. There are 16 specimens of highly polished woods in the piece, and as they were chosen for their beauty, it is a most artistic souvenir. Close

beside it, in a conspicuous corner of the room, are the rich Indian robes from the Pendleton Woolen Mills. These splendid specimens of the weaver's art, form a veritable rainbow, in this collection of Oregon products.

From the extremely slow movements of the government in bringing the postoffice thieves to justice, it is evident the guilty will all die of old age before their cases are reached.

Booker T. Washington has just been hissed by a negro audience in Boston. This is case of pot calling the kettle black.

CANNOT CHEW GUM.

Chewing gum has been placed under the ban by the joint council of the Cooks and Waiters' Unions in Chicago. Hereafter waitresses, chambermaids, and, in fact, all the women employees of the hotels under the jurisdiction of the unions are prohibited to chew gum while on duty.

The new wage scale and agreement formally signed recently by the Hotelkeepers' Association and the Joint Council contains a clause to this effect. Sadie Linden, who acted on the union side of the conference, insisted upon the "boycott" on chewing gum, saying that it "did not look nice for a waitress or chambermaid to chew gum while on duty."

The waiters, cooks, bartenders and miscellaneous help do not fare any better than their sister members. The agreement specifically states that they must refrain from using intoxicating liquor or tobacco while on duty. The wage scale was based on the wages in force Feb. 1 last, the waiters receiving an increase of 10 per cent, with a maximum scale of \$10 a month for the big downtown European plan hotels, and \$30 minimum. The miscellaneous help received an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. The minimum scale for bartenders and cooks is \$12, most of whom are receiving more than this amount at present. The agreement practically runs for two years, but is subject to revision Aug. 1, 1904.—Boycott's Weekly.

BEGINNINGS OF IRRIGATION.

An event of more than common importance will be the beginning of work upon the Tonto storage reservoir in Arizona, the first great enterprise under the new irrigation law.

The Salt River valley has been chosen by the government engineers as most favorable for the inauguration of the new system. The land to be irrigated is all in private ownership. Liens are executed covering every acre to be benefited, and the association of land owners which is formed to facilitate the work agrees to repay the construction cost with interest within 10 years.

Not only does the storage reservoir water by gravity all the lands below it, but the fall at the dam is to furnish power to pump water to higher lands, until now practically valueless. As the money expended upon the lands of private owners is to be refunded, and as the irrigation of public lands will enhance their value, the process of restoring the fertility of arid America will go forward with automatically increasing celerity, and the dry Southwest will thus in time be one great garden teeming with a prosperous people.—New York World.

Tacoma hopgrowers are trying to form a union.



The crowning joy of womanhood is motherhood and the crowning joy of motherhood is to have healthy children. But there can be no joy in motherhood without health, and without health for the mother there can be no health for the child. It is of vital importance for women to know that the health of mother and child is in general entirely within woman's control. The thousands of women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription when expecting motherhood, have testified that it made them healthy and happy in the days of waiting, made the baby's advent practically painless, and gave them health to give their children.

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Such a man is in Butte. His name is Rev. David Rosenfield, and he is from Minsk, Russia—a Jew who finds it healthier to live in the United States than in the land of the Kishineff massacres.

He came to this country five months ago, and after a short visit in Chicago went on to Seattle, where he has been visiting relatives. He is here on the way East again. Rev. Harry Weiss, Jewish rabbi in this city, is entertaining him.

Rosenfield has one of the most wonderful memories in the world, is of short stature, with a large head, the forehead bulging prominently over the eyes—a characteristic of all those who have performed remarkable feats of memory. His beard is long and bushy, his eyes large and of kindly expression.

Rosenfield has completely mastered the whole of the Talmud, and most of his marvellous feats are performed in connection with that book.—Butte Inter-Mountain Miner.

THE TEN GREATEST MEN.

A German newspaper has recently propounded to its readers the question, Who are the ten greatest men alive today? An examination of the replies received makes interesting reading. Five hundred and two readers voted for Tolstol; the German historian Mommsen was a close second with 496; Marconi followed with 445. Ibsen received 425; Edison, 368; Nansen, 270; Roentgen, 264; Menzel, the German painter, 248; Koch, the bacteriologist, 238; while the Kaiser ignominiously brought up the rear with only 202. It is well to note that of these ten candidates six are German; such insignificant personages as Herbert Spencer, George Merdith and Thomas Hardy were not even mentioned. Among those who received over 100 votes were Chamberlain, the Russian novelist Gurky, Hauptmann, the dramatist, and Max Klinger, the German artist.—Harper's Weekly.

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