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If I to someone can reveal a nobler view
Of life and work; if I can reach
some spirit true.
With but one word, if that word
mean his betterment,
Though without recognition, I
shall die content.

If I can serve the cause of
truth and liberty,
If I by deed or song can help
to make men free,
If I can lift some burden from
the toiling poor.
Although unknown and friendless,
I will ask no more.
—J. A. Edgerton in Wilshire's Magazine.

Miss Ware is not the only be-smeared angel in the land office service in Oregon. She was probably the most original schemer in the business in the state, but her operations were limited. There are others coming to the front as fast as the iron hand of investigation can tear away the veil. This will be a busy year in the federal courts of Oregon.

Somebody connected with the Alaskan boundary convention made an awkward blunder in giving out the news of the American victory last Saturday. It will be in order now for the commission to take up the boundary between facts and imagination, in relation to its actions, and ascertain where that shall be fixed, so the anxious reporters may not get mixed again.

The success of the Greth airship, which sailed triumphantly over the city of San Francisco for two hours last Sunday, and then alighted in the bay only through a miscalculation of the operator, is the best promise of aerial navigation yet given out by way of the numberless scientists who have been going crazy at the rate of several dozen each year. The navigation of the air, on a greater or less degree, will no doubt be accomplished soon, and these flickering successes are but index fingers pointing to what will be the age of miracles. The success of steam navigation was accompanied by almost as many failures and misgivings at first as the navigation of the air is now attended with. It is only a matter of experience and experiment. There is no doubt about the possibility of the navigation of the air, under proper mechanical and scientific conditions. Endless trials, endless expense of money, brains and muscle, will finally hit the right system, and then the next great problem will be to reach some other planet, after the atmosphere of the earth has been conquered by the timid airship.

The most dangerous policy which ever gained entrance into public affairs is that one which ridicules the suggestions of the "man who has never accumulated anything." Because a man is not a large property-holder, is sufficient reason for him to be relegated to the rear, his counsel despised and his proffered aid in making the laws of the country coldly turned down, with a certain class of politicians, who are found in municipal, county and state governments. The suggestion comes to the surface so often in the discussion of public affairs, that its ready use proves that it is the underlying principle of the man. Its application to the workingmen, poor, but able men, who are interested in the affairs of the country, is one of the very agencies which divides and keeps apart the classes. In discussing the advisability of increasing the efficiency of the Pendleton fire department, the morning paper refers to the figures of and recommendations of J. H. Peare, chief of the La Grande fire department, as the suggestion of a "man who has never accumulated anything." This insult to the intelligence and ability of the working classes, which take an interest in municipal affairs, and are thus

snubbed by the political "rich" man, will probably be remembered on future election days. It is not difficult to say harmful things of the poor man, but it is a very difficult thing to remedy the wrong done him. He has few enough defenders, now. The hand of society bars the door against him, wherever possible. The politician makes him a pack mule. The "rich" man denies him the right to offer any counsel in forming the laws or fixing the policies under which he must live.

Pendleton can take a valuable lesson from Ogden in the way of accommodating her guests during the irrigation meeting. The homes of Ogden were thrown open to the visitors, the residents promising the local committees that they would not charge above a stated price for the accommodations. After the hotels were filled the local reception committee, each of which were assigned to a state delegation, took the delegates to the residences, which had placed lists of rooms at the disposal of the committees, and the delegates were placed in good quarters, with the least possible friction or confusion. Everything was satisfactory, and Ogden in this way accommodated 1200 visitors, where she had made preparations for but 500. The residents of Pendleton should make a list of the accommodations they can furnish, the prices they will charge for the same, and hand the list to the hotel accommodation committee, consisting of Leon Cohen, J. V. Tallman and C. E. Roosevelt, so they can get their work organized and be prepared to provide for the visitors. The convention will probably attract 400 people to the city, including visitors and delegates.

The East Oregonian takes this method of warning its readers and the citizens of Umatilla county, in general, of the presence in the country of an outfit representing some photograph enlarging institution. The practices of these grafters are so well known that it seems useless to repeat them, yet, for fear that someone may be taken in by them, this word of warning is sounded. This outfit is preparing to travel through the southern and western portion of Umatilla county, by team, and will soon be in evidence in the country districts around Echo, Pilot Rock, Ridge, Albion and Ukiah, and the people should steer clear of them. Their methods are questionable, and you will be defrauded if you deal with them. Don't allow them to take any hard cash out of Umatilla county this season. If you want work in this line, patronize some of your home institutions on which you can depend, and which in return, patronizes other home institutions, and keep the money in circulation in the country. Beware of the picture enlarging outfit, and when you are solicited by them, just shut the door and say that you read their history in the East Oregonian.

A DANGEROUS MAN.

The Milwaukee Sentinel has the following to say in regard to Governor La Follette, of that state:

"And this is the record he is making from day to day. The governor of Wisconsin, chosen by the people to wisely and impartially execute the laws, is going about the state with the unblushing impudence of a paid agitator who has nothing to lose endeavoring to foment discontent. He is poisoning the wells from which the people drink. He is sowing the seeds of social and industrial discord. He differs from the ordinary breeds of class hatred in that he appeals first to one and then to the other class with a plea that he believes will fit the time and place.

"Blind to the honors that have been conferred upon him, greedy for more power, and careless of the consequences of his acts so long as he can secure a temporary victory, the man whom the people of Wisconsin have elevated to the highest place in their gift is now playing the part of a political agitator whose stock in trade is falsehood, misrepresentation and half truths, the latter of which are worse than falsehood.

"Governor La Follette is a dangerous man. Those who countenance and aid him in furthering his political ambition are in part responsible for the consequence of his acts. The day will surely come when they will regret the part they are playing in current events which will come to be known as marking one of the historical periods in Wisconsin that would best be forgotten."

WILL IMITATE NEW ZEALAND.

One effect of government ownership and management of the chief industries of the land is that government employment, or a "government bille," is the chief ambition of nearly every man. Aside from farming, almost the only lines of business open to private enterprise are navigation, manufacturing and mercantile pursuits. About one man in every six throughout the islands is in some form of government employ, or is in receipt of a pension from the government.

New Zealand has probably gone further than any other nation in realizing the ideal state of the socialist, where the government owns all the land, manages all the industries, and

is the only capitalist in the community. It is doubtful if this extreme ideal will ever be realized, but if the New Zealand experiment proves successful, other nations will almost certainly enact similar laws, and the state, instead of private corporations, will become the great capitalist and the greatest employer of labor. When this occurs, it is needless to say, the days of the multi-millionaire will be numbered.—From "The Socialistic Legislation of New Zealand," by Dr. Lucien C. Warner, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for October.

SCARED AT TOM JOHNSON.

That Tom Johnson has frightened the republican leaders to the point of desperation is plain enough; and if the intensity of their fears is evidence of the drift of things in Ohio, Johnson must be making headway against their enormous majority there. Senator Hanna's billingsgate vocabulary has been called into play, always a sign that he is scared, and Secretary Shaw, of President Roosevelt's cabinet, has taken the Ohio stump with a mouthful of well cooked statistics. It is now evident that Hanna now realizes that he is no match for Johnson in a political contest. From the freedom with which he uses poker terms, however, it would appear that he might make a better showing in the great American game.—Louis Post's Public.

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