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AFFIRMATION.

I am a Soul, possessed of
channels of communication with
the outer world. I will use
these channels and thereby ac-
quire the knowledge and in-
formation necessary for my
mental development. I will ex-
ercise and develop my organs
of sense, knowing that in so
doing I shall cause to unfold
the higher senses, of which they
are but forerunners and sym-
bols. I will be wide-awake and
open to the inflow of knowledge
and information. The Universe
is my home—I will explore it.
—Yogi Philosophy.

VICTORY IN SIGHT.

With 66 republican candidates for
the legislature pledged to statement
No. 1, and only 75 members to elect,
it looks very much like a victory for
the statement No. 1 forces at the pri-
maries this month.

Forty-six members will be a ma-
jority of the legislature and it is cer-
tain that this number can be elected
from those now pledged to the peo-
ple's choice and including some of the
unpledged who will vote for the peo-
ple's choice also.

This is a remarkable showing, in
view of the fact that the anti-forces
have thoroughly organized, active and
progressive. It is a remarkable
showing in the face of the powerful
opposition of the Portland Oregon-
ian and the Portland machine.

The people have cause to be proud
that even this large number of state-
ment No. 1 republican candidates
have been nominated, even though
not one of that number is elected.

Let the voters take part in the pri-
maries. Let every man remember his
citizenship and go to the polls both in
the primary and the general election.
The people will be triumphant. The
fight has opened auspiciously.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE WEST.

Almost unnoticed the last week has
brought forth two incidents which
point with especial significance to the
dawning national recognition of the
fact that the American seat of empire
must be found in the Mississippi val-
ley, says the Kansas City Star.

At the City club, Alexander D.
Noyes, financial editor of the New
York Evening Post, pointed out with
clear and concise authority that the
October panic has made the nation
realize that the west need no longer
accept without question the financial
supremacy of New York.

"The interior communities of this
country are the soundest and richest
parts of it," declared Mr. Noyes.
"Where they were the hopeless debtors
of the east in 1893, in 1873 and in
1857, they are the bankers and cred-
itors of the east today." In other
words, the west now has the physical
power and the strategic advantage
that come with the actual possession
of money.

The new attitude of the nation to-
ward the industrial greatness of the
west has been shown in even more
marked fashion. It was in large
measure the demand of the western
business men which brought matters
at Washington to a crisis last week
and turned an inactive congress into
an active one.

Big political causes underly the
situation, but the deciding straw that
broke the back of the laissez-faire
policy may fairly be said to have been
the earnest plea of the business in-
terests of Chicago, St. Louis and Kan-
sas City. This delegation did not need
the intervention of the east to secure
adequate presentation of its case. It
spoken directly, not only to the presi-
dent, but to the men who formulate
the program for the senate and the
house. And it won.

From the west Theodore Roosevelt

derived much of his inspiration and
most of his support in the moral ad-
vance which he has led. Upon the
demands of the west the issues of the
coming presidential campaign are
even now shaping themselves.

MR. GEER'S RECORD.

The Elgin Recorder voices the sen-
timent of a large proportion of the
voters of this congressional district
when it gives the following excellent
and unanswerable reasons why T. T.
Geer SHOULD NOT be elected to
congress. The Recorder says:

The race for congress from the
second district of Oregon to all ap-
pearances is between Ellis and T. T.
Geer, Oregon's ex-governor.

The democrats have no hopes of
electing a man to that position and
the result will be settled in the pri-
mary election.

There is a great deal of room for
selections between Ellis and Geer and
if the best interests of the district are
looked after Ellis will be elected by a
good majority, as he is the logical
man for the place. He has been a
member of congress for several years,
and so far as cleanliness is concerned
he is beyond reproach, both as a man
and as an official.

During his tenure in that office he
has gained a prestige in Washington
that counts for a great deal and his
influence will be much greater than
can be commanded by a new man.
This alone should elect Ellis.

BUT, ANOTHER AND GREATER
REASON WHY HE SHOULD suc-
CEED HIMSELF, IS THE FACT
THAT GEER HAS BEEN A RESI-
DENT OF THIS DISTRICT ONLY A
SHORT TIME, AND TO THE AVER-
AGE OBSERVER IT SEEMS HE
SHOOK THE DUST OF THE FIRST
DISTRICT AND LOCATED IN PEN-
DLETON FOR THE SOLE REASON
OF RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

PURGING POLITICS.

While it is unpleasant and unfortu-
nate to be compelled to turn out old
members of a political party because
they have been found guilty of crook-
ed work in the public service, yet it
is some times absolutely necessary to
do so, and it only strengthens the
party which has the backbone to do it.

The finest strength of Theodore
Roosevelt today lies in his power to
investigate fearlessly, friends as well
as opponents, and in his willingness
to turn out a member of his own
party if found to be corrupt.

Oregon must not hesitate to discard
the men who have been trusted and
found wanting. There are thousands
of others just as capable, just as ac-
tive, just as zealous partisans, if you
must have zealous partisans, and the
people cannot afford to cling to a
man who has been found wanting in
moral courage in office.

If F. I. Dunbar as secretary of
state took fees which belonged to the
people, it was breach of trust; if T. T.
Geer as governor acted in a manner
unbecoming not only a public offi-
cial but a private citizen, as well, it
is the people's duty to turn him down
and out fearlessly, permanently; if
George C. Brownell, or C. W. Steele
or John Hal lor any other public offi-
cial, has acted in a manner not in
keeping with 'good citizenship and
good public service, the people must
not hesitate to turn them out. It is
suicidal to the interests of the state
to cling to them.

The party did not make their rec-
ords; the party did not give them li-
cense to commit wrongful acts and
the party cannot harbor them nor ex-
tend to them further honors. The
process of purging parties and polit-
ics is absolutely necessary to good
government. Let us look for new
timber, new men, new standards of
public service, new ideals.

The parties will be better for it.
The state will be better and the nation
will be better. The people cannot af-
ford to cling to a man who has proved
himself unworthy of their trust.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The profound importance of the
questions that are coming before the
supreme court has brought fresh at-
tention to the personnel of that body,
says the Review of Reviews.

It has nine members, and some of
the most far-reaching of its recent
decisions have been made by a bare
majority of the group. It is not to
disparage the learning, wisdom and
high character of the supreme court
judges to say that many of the judges

GEER TOOK THE MONEY.

In answering the charge that
he sold the office of superin-
tendent of the Oregon peniten-
tiary to H. B. Plummer for
\$1000, during his term as gov-
ernor, T. T. Geer says in his pa-
per, the Pendleton Tribune:

"The truth is that Mr. Plum-
mer not only did not have any
sort of an agreement with me,
written or otherwise, but he did
not pretend to have UNTIL
LONG AFTER I HAD REPAID
HIM HIS MONEY AND MR.
LEE WAS APPOINTED."

of the lower federal courts are quite
as eminent and have been appointed
in some cases for reasons of a legal
and judicial experience greater than
that of some of the members of the
highest court.

It is well known that Judge Taft
has more than once had the oppor-
tunity to become a member of the su-
preme court, but his work, first in the
Philippines and then at the head of
the war department, has kept him
from doing the thing that he would
personally have preferred.

It is probable that the next presi-
dent of the United States may have
to fill more than one vacancy on the
supreme bench. Chief Justice Fuller
and Justice Harlan were both born
in 1833 and are therefore 75 years old
this year. Justice Brewer is 71, and
Justice Peckham is 70. Justice
Holmes is 67, Justice McKenna 65,
Justice White 63, Justice Day 59, and
Justice Moody 55. Justice Harlan has
been on the bench 31 years, and Chief
Justice Fuller was appointed 20 years
ago.

It is fairly probable that either Mr.
Taft or Mr. Bryan will appoint their
successors. It would probably make
some difference in the attitude of the
court toward critical questions with-
out the vacancies were filled by one
president or by another.

WHICH ARE YOU.

There are two kinds of people on
earth today.
Just two kinds of people, no more, I
say.

Not the sinner and the saint, for 'tis
well understood
The good are half bad and the bad
are half good.

Not the rich and the poor, for to
count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his
conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in
life's little span
Who put on vain airs is not counted
a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift
flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each
man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth
I mean,
Are the people who lift, and the peo-
ple who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the
world's masses
Are always divided in just these two
classes.

And oddly enough, you will find, too,
I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty
who lean.

In which class are you? Are you
easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toll down
the road.

Or are you a leaner who lets others
bear
Your portion of labor and worry and
care?
—Selected.

PRAISE FOR UMATILLA.

Government forces, employed on
the Umatilla irrigation project are
bending every energy to complete
this splendid project by May 10 when
water will be turned onto several
thousand acres.

The completion of the Umatilla
project will mark an epoch in the
history of Umatilla county and will
prove prime factor in settling a heret-
ofore arid waste of land with pros-
perous, happy people. The reservoir
supplying water for the reclaimed
land will be approximately three miles
long, one mile in width and from 20
to 40 feet in depth.

The dam necessary to retain the
immense volume of water that the
reservoir will hold, will be approxi-
mately 4000 feet in length with a
thickness of nearly 400 feet at the
base. The building of the dam has
been one of the big engineering feats
of the west and has necessitated the
employment of a large force of men
and teams for over a year.—Walla
Walla Statesman.

FOR SOCIAL UPLIFT.

A sociological undertaking which
is to exceed anything of the kind ever
attempted in New England, if not in
America, is being planned by Prof.
Charles Zuehlke, who recently resign-
ed his professorship of sociology at
the university of Chicago, and Mrs.
Quincy Adams Shaw, the famous phi-
lanthropist and wife of the richest
citizen in Boston, says a Boston pa-
per.

Both of these people have associat-
ed themselves in the work of social
uplifting. This work will take the
form of establishing self-supporting
settlements in Boston and throughout
Massachusetts, and already for this
purpose \$2,000,000 has been set aside
by Mrs. Shaw, which amount is later
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ops the muscles of endeavor.

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THE WEAK AND THE STRONG.

The hopeful man sees good wherever
his glances fall;
The hopeless one finds everywhere
gloom over all;
The hopeful man has strength to
dare; the doubting one,
When darkness overspreads the sky,
Sits down to weakly whine or sigh,
with nothing done.

'Tis brave to have the hope they need
who press ahead;
This weakness that they have who
heed the voice of dread;
They are the strong ones who proceed
by courage led;
The cowardly alone admit,
However hard they may be hit, that
hope is dead.

—S. E. Kiser.

CLAMS IN WASHINGTON.

The decision of the supreme court
that a clam is not a wild beast, but
that it belongs where it has its hole,
and is appurtenant to the land where
it burrows and spouts, is a flat reversal
of the dictum of Governor Mead.
The governor is an enemy of the
clams, although they contributed
largely to his nomination and election,
by being ready at all times during that
memorable campaign for a roast, a
bake or a plain soup. Why he should
have thrown them down is a mystery,

but as throwing down is his specialty
the mystery is not worth solving.

We are glad that the supreme court
has rehabilitated the clams and given
them places where they may extend
their necks in peace. Much is said in
these days about the subservience of
the courts to the large interests. Our
state supreme court has never, so far
as we know, been accused; but this
decision will amply fortify it in case
anything of that kind ever should be
said.

The humble clam has just as good
a chance with our great judicial tri-
bunal as J. M. Hill or Pierpont Morgan.
As long as this is so our boasted lib-
erties will be safe, and though govern-
ments may come and go, there will al-
ways be clam juice, clam nectar and
boiled and baked clams for all of us.
Carry the news to Frank Cushman—
Yakima Republic.

Darkest Russia.

In Russia there are said to be 17,-
000,000 children between 6 and 14
years who are receiving no education
whatever.

If these are facts in the case Rus-
sia can expect to have no peaceful and
prosperous government until she cares
for the little ones. It is high time
for some creator to appear who can
not only say "let there be light," but
who has the power to enforce the
command that there may be light—
Exchange.

Married Women

Every woman covets a
shapely, pretty figure, and
many of them deplore the
loss of their girlish forms
after marriage. The bearing
of children is often destructive
to the mother's shapeliness.
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