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SUGGESTION.

- To believe the song of the failures.
 - In a land where good men have won.
 - Is casting your lot with the losers;
 - And doing what they have done.
 - To listen and learn from the winners.
 - Is winning yourself,—their stake!
 - You need not fear the advice you hear
 - But beware whose advice you take!
- The Nautilus.

A LOS ANGELES SCHEME.

Los Angeles is to try an experiment with a municipal newspaper and it will be watched with interest by the entire country. The publication of the paper by the city was authorized at the recent city election. Here are some of the conditions under which the paper will be published:

The paper may be a daily or a weekly. It is to be mailed to subscribers at the rate of 1 cent a copy, but given free to registered voters who call for it in person. It is to be managed and edited by a commission appointed by the mayor. The commissioners, three in number, are to serve without pay, but may hire a salaried secretary. The secretary, of course, will be the real editor.

There are provisions in the ordinance against partisanship in the paper, as well as against discussion calculated to give offense. Particular attention must be paid to municipal news, but other news, as well as comment, may be published. Each political party is entitled to certain space for interviews and statements.

As to the paper's policy, it must be that of the local administration and the majority of the voters. The thoughts of the majority are presumed to be expressed on election day, especially in connection with referendum proposals.

How well this paper will serve the purpose intended remains to be proven. The aim of its founders evidently is to provide the public with fair and unvarnished news regarding municipal affairs in Los Angeles. But if this is the case why is it specified that the policy of the paper must conform to the policy of the city administration? Why should the paper have a policy of any sort save a rule to the effect that it shall give full and fair publicity? Why not allow the commenting to be done by others through signed articles? The paper would then be a forum where in public questions could be freely discussed and from which contributors could expect and demand fair treatment.

The danger in a municipal newspaper is that it might be improperly used by those in power to further a continuance of their regime. The Los Angeles scheme seems especially open to this danger.

IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

Political enemies of Governor West have howled until they are hoarse that he has annulled the constitution by the adoption of his prison policy. But it is now shown that the governor's policy is more nearly in accord with the spirit and the letter of the constitution than was the old time penitentiary policy. Article 1, section 15 of the state constitution says:

"Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice."

This clause shows the general sentiment of the constitution and with this sentiment Governor West's policy is in full accord. The West policy is to give prisoners who seem worthy a chance to reform and make good. They are handled in such a way that their future is "up to them" and they are impressed with the idea of self responsibility. The greater part of those so treated appreciate their opportunities and do make good.

The West prison policy, in its main features at least, is absolutely right and it will succeed if given a good fair trial. Furthermore it is legal and

in complete compliance with the constitution. The old time policy to which such sheets as the Portland Oregonian would have the state return is not in conformity with the constitution.

But sheets like the Oregonian are not fighting West's prison policy and people are foolish who give any heed to what they say about that policy. They are fighting Governor West because they don't like his political and economic views. They are Tories and he is a Liberal. They think his prison policy gives them an opportunity to discredit him and they are trying it out. If the governor were a reactionary instead of a progressive the Oregonian would laud his prison policy.

A SIGNIFICANT TREND.

Some facts that have been published recently regarding the ownership of railroads and other big industrial concerns seem significant. The report shows 234 railroads and industrial corporations with a combined capital of nearly eleven billions are owned by about 980,000 stockholders, their aggregate holdings being about 109 shares. The significant thing about the matter however is the statement that while an increase of only one and a half per cent in capital is reported there was an increase of seven per cent in the number of shareholders. Henry Clews, the financial critic, construes this as unfavorable from a business standpoint in that it shows stocks to be passing into weaker hands. Whether his view is right or not the trend of affairs, if correctly set forth, is interesting.

WHERE LA FOLLETTE STANDS.

La Follette has invaded Ohio upon his campaign for the presidency and he is striking hard. Fighting Bob has decided views which he does not hesitate to express. He favors the recall of judges and says that one of society's greatest menaces is the crooked judge. He says a judge that is honest won't be disturbed by the recall. Henceforth the country need have no doubt as to where La Follette stands upon this subject.

When the meat trust cleared 15 millions in three years it took a lot of money the trust magnates did not earn. The greater part of that money should have been given to the stockholders of the west or bestowed upon consumers in the form of lower prices.

Christmas business was good in Pendleton with those who "went after it." It generally is. The sexton is the only man who can afford to wait for business to come to him.

Get your New Year's resolution ready.

CHRISTMAS ON MARS.

Pity the Martians!
According to reports received from the big observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, and from other reliable astronomical authorities, the disappearance of the snow cap over the south pole of that planet has been followed by one of the severest blizzards in years—and the Martian year, be it remembered, is much longer, more durable and eccentric than the one we celebrate on the mere earth.

So it is in every respect probable that while the surly ones of earth are growing at a wet or chill Christmas, the inhabitants of Mars are having to submit to extortions from the coal trust never remembered in Martian history; that the Martian Santa Claus is so frazzled by the cold that he may have, in actuality, postponed Christmas, and that the attendance at Martian Christmas trees will be at least 70 per cent less than in former Martian years.

All of which means that however much we press in on us, we have cause for gratitude that Mars is not our portion. We may have to combat a stubborn furnace, but a degree of cold new to science is not knowing at our bones, as it probably is at those of our ethereal neighbors.

OPERA IN ENGLISH.

While America has been hoping for the entrance of opera in English through the front door, it comes stealing on us, in a sense, through the back door. During the past two or three years an "English grand opera company" has been gathering impetus until it has come to employ a thousand singers in a dozen different cities during an aggregate annual season of one hundred weeks and has added its comprehensive repertory



Housework Drudgery

Housework is drudgery for the weak woman. She brushes, dusts and scrubs, or is on her feet all day attending to the many details of the household, her back aching, her temples throbbing, nerves quivering under the stress of pain, possibly dizzy feelings. Sometimes rest in bed is not refreshing, because the poor tired nerves do not permit of refreshing sleep. The real need of weak, nervous women is satisfied by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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DRAWING THE LIMIT.

The novelty of having his hair trimmed by a lady barber appealed to a mildly intoxicated clubman who entered an establishment where girls were employed as tonsorialists.

Loath to leave the chair after his hair had been trimmed, the clubman said to the girl:

"Now gimme a shave."

The girl performed this task and awaited further instructions.

"Guess you can put on a couple of hot towels," said the clubman.

After the hot towels had been applied the clubman enjoyed a face massage and permitted his hair to be anointed with perfume.

"Anything else?" sweetly asked the maid.

"Yes; I guess you may pull a couple of teeth."—Judge.

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