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THE KIND OF MAN.

When Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by the republicans of the nation for vice-president under President McKinley there was a doubt expressed in certain circles regarding his fitness. This doubt was not, as might be inferred, wholly confined to his political opponents, but was shared in a small degree by a certain class of republicans.

The general idea of these doubters of Roosevelt's fitness for the vice-presidency was based on what they were pleased to term his "impulsiveness." When he took up any matter he generally entered into it with heart and mind and his enthusiasm never abated an iota until that thing was accomplished—satisfactorily, too. For this healthy and manly enthusiasm he was considered "too impulsive," by many country statesmen.

When he appeared before the convention that nominated him he was attired in his "Rough Rider" uniform. This was called "grand stand" on his part by the ultra-conservative element. Ah, well! Conditions change in this world and opinions with them. 'Tis a good thing, too.

President McKinley, kindly man that he was, met death at the hands of an assassin and Theodore Roosevelt acceded to the presidency of this great people. For a time his every act was noted and carefully studied, but no weakness could be found. He was both able and honest and in the course of a comparatively short time had won the confidence of the people. He meant it, and the people felt that he meant it, when he said, "A square deal for every man."

How people thought of him was shown by the election returns last fall. He was the people's man; the choice of the great majority of the citizens of this great nation. The history of his success at the polls last November is yet too young to need reiteration and his induction into office is still more recent, but the last event is worthy much thought and some mention.

"Honor him to whom honor is due." As above stated, he was the people's choice at the polls—and the "people," regardless of class, clan, color or political faith, vied with each other in making his inaugural great before the eyes of all Christendom. And it was so. It is declared to have been the first "national" inauguration since the civil war. Fit for a king, they tell us. Yea, better. On all of God's great foot-stool there is no king so great as must be the choice of the American people. Our "first man of the nation" is made by the wisdom of a majority of nearly 80,000,000 people. The average king is such by the accident of birth. The one man "must" be "something," the other "may" be "anything."

LET IT BE A LESSON.

The recent trouble of the young men who have just been before the jury charged with the theft of some jewelry, should act as a warning to others. No young person, nor old one either for that matter, can afford to take chances on their liberty for any amount of money. Life and liberty are the most precious things known to man and it is beyond belief that they are reckoned so lightly—until too late.

These boys should, and, in all probability did, suffer mental torture far in excess of the value of the jewelry in question. The pieces of jewelry not produced

would not begin to compensate them, provided they had retained possession of it, for the agony of mind that has undoubtedly been their portion. Nor is this all. To inherit a good name is in itself a great blessing, but better still is it to feel that you merit it.

A young man may be ever so competent so far as clerical ability goes, but a bad name will damn his chances of success. In the case in question there is no desire to be severe on these young men, but justice is for their good as well as others and a strict dealing out of justice is perhaps best for all in the long run. Of course there may be extenuating circumstances, but larceny is generally pretty deliberate.

Let us hope that instead of continuing in a way to bring disgrace upon themselves and their people and friends they will within their own hearts pass solemn resolutions to do better in the future, and live up to these resolutions. Moreover, the case may be productive of good if it is taken to heart by other young men who are inclined to look too lightly upon dealings a trifle shady.

Gone to Help Decide.

Supt. Denman went to Salem, Thursday morning, to attend a meeting of the Department of County Superintendents of Oregon. Supt. Denman is the secretary of the department which meets to decide whether the county superintendent of the valley will dispense with their annual county institute the coming year, and join together in having an Educational Congress at the Fair in August. If the annual county institutes are dispensed with, a part of the county institute fund from each county will be used towards securing some of the best educators from the East.

It is the intention of the committee in charge of the congress to bring to Oregon at this time the strongest men possible. Such an educational congress would be a treat to every teacher attending. If such congress is held no teacher is compelled to attend. The schools do not have to close for the three days allowed for the annual institute, and no fee will be allowed at the October apportionment for certificates of attendance at the annual institute.

This being Fair year, our teachers will want to attend the Fair anyway. They will be given an opportunity while there to combine profit with pleasure. Every teacher who can should attend the congress. It will strengthen them, as well as being a recreation. When Supt. Denman returns further announcement will be given by the GAZETTE as to the plans and intention as to holding the coming annual institute.

Oak Grove Chips.

Wiley Holman, of Albany, was out to his farm, Wednesday.
Mr. Waldron has been quite sick, but is getting better.
Elmer Wofford, of Albany was here, Wednesday, on business.
Miss Birdie Woodard is going to school in Albany.
Mrs. Catherine Miller, left Friday, for Washington, where she goes to visit a few weeks with her daughter.
Mr. Grant, of Kings Valley, came here, Saturday, to get his wife who had been visiting relatives. They returned home, Sunday.

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ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 186 for the construction of a sewer through Block 14, Old Town of Marysville (now City of Corvallis), Oregon, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 177 in which the following lots was entered in the City Lists of Corvallis on the 14 day of February 1905, and is due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Corvallis in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 17 day of March, 1905, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, from date and costs of collection: Block 14, Old Town of Marysville (now City of Corvallis): Block 14, Lot 1, Wm. Sechler, is assessed at... \$23.34 Block 14, Lot 2, Wm. Sechler, is assessed at... 33.34 Block 14, Lot 7, Wm. Groves, est. is assessed at 33.34 Block 14, Lot 10, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at 33.34 Block 14, Lot 11, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at 33.34 Block 14, Lot 12, J. E. Halliday, is assessed at 33.34 City, 50 feet of Street, is assessed at... 48.00 By order of the Common Council of the City of Corvallis. S. F. GREFFOZ, Police Judge of the City of Corvallis. Dated this 7th day of March, 1905.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was nominated in the last will and testament of Seymour Chipman, as the Executrix thereof, and that she has been appointed as such Executrix by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon, and all persons having claims against the estate of the said Seymour Chipman, deceased, will present the same duly verified to her at the residence of F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Ore. within six months from date. PRUDENCE CHIPMAN, Executrix Estate Seymour Chipman, Deceased. W. E. Yates, Attorney for Estate. 12-20

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