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GOOD INDICATION.

It seems that a moral wave is sweeping over the entire country. In nearly every city and hamlet of the United States we hear of steps having been taken for the suppression of vice, corruption politically, and boodling in general.

The movement, whether it proves lasting or not, is indicative of the temper of the common people and is reassuring. The time beyond doubt is ripe for such a movement. These expressions are the result of sentiment and are more or less epidemic.

Just so with reforms and moral waves. These are good things, but unfortunately the public in time becomes lax in its duty and corruption again gets the upper hand and affairs, moral and otherwise, have to fester until putrefaction sets in before public opinion demands a thorough purging that we may become as "white as snow."

Just now we are in the midst of the task of "cleaning up." When we each and all have done our duty we will rest from our labors and fancy the job is forever done. But, alas! like a cancer, the root of evil at once begins to take new life and ere the public is aware has assumed menacing proportions.

At present one would think that corruption would be stamped out forever, but 'tis not so. Here in Oregon we have had our land frauds and dealt with them as best we could. Public sentiment has been right and demanded punishment for these crimes.

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ture of his platform is his declaration in favor of a constitutional amendment permitting the governor or the people to veto individual items of appropriation bills. A year ago we saw clearly the necessity for the vesting of such power somewhere.

"Taxation of franchises and gross earnings tax on telegraph, telephone, express and sleeping-car corporations; uniform assessment and taxation of railroads; state regulation of state and private banks, trust companies and savings banks; protection of the state in its ownership of public lands; a board of control for state institutions; one board of management of normal schools; improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers and coast-seaports; National ownership of the Oregon City locks; constitutional amendment permitting the governor or people to veto individual items of appropriation; an honest and fearless performance of public duty."

Irrigation Urged.

Do we need irrigation? is the question of the hour, to judge from the following which appeared in the Telegram:

The possibility of increasing the agricultural and dairy productiveness of the Willamette Valley by irrigation occupied the attention of the Board of Trade at a public meeting held in Eagle's Hall last night. Revision of the irrigation code of the state so as to facilitate irrigation enterprise was discussed at length, and a letter from State Engineer John H. Lewis to Secretary J. B. Lober, advising steps to procure the services of an expert from the department of agriculture in making an investigation as to the feasibility of irrigation in the Willamette Valley, was read.

The discussion embraced almost every phase of irrigation work, and the subjects were handled by such well-known authorities as W. W. Cotton, who spoke on "Vested Rights;" H. L. Holzgate, late legal counsel for the Government Reclamation Bureau, who gave an interesting review of the results accomplished by the department in its reclamation work; C. C. Hutchinson, the organizer of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, who discussed the "pro" side of the Carey act, and Chairman G. W. Allen, of the executive committee of the Board of Trade, who spoke upon the "con" side of the question.

A. H. Dever's topic was "The Portland Business Man's Interest in Irrigation," in which points were brought out showing why the business interests of this city should lend every possible encouragement to irrigation.

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A Just Rebuke.

One of the sensible things left to the credit of the Oregon Development League and the Oregon Press Association is the forceful protest against the term "Webfoot," as applied in facetious vein to the State of Oregon and that of "mossbacks" as applied in the spirit of alleged "fun" to Oregonians. The people of Oregon are themselves to blame for these designations, though perhaps in the outset they did not intend to cast a slur upon their state, its climate or its people by accepting them.

In Western Washington, where the rainfall is at least as great as in the Willamette Valley, the people speak proudly of their state as the "Evergreen State," and they have no sobriquet of scorn to bestow upon its citizens.

Oregon has been singularly lacking in what may be termed family pride in this respect, and in the stupid reiteration of stale jokes about the climate. It is silly enough when a Californian—bumptious and self-satisfied—declares that it rains thirteen months of the year in Oregon; but we can accredit this exaggerated speech to his ignorance and intense desire to be funny at our expense, and let it pass. But when Oregonians accost each other on an unusually stormy, disagreeable morning with the words, "This is Oregon weather," or "Oregon is herself again," and similar remarks reflecting unjustly upon the climate of Oregon, they betray a disloyalty which deserves rebuke and of which they should be ashamed. State pride should forbid such expressions, even if truth were not disregarded, as it is, in making them.

TO MEET IN ALBANY.

Two Days' Session of Willamette Valley League.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Willamette Valley Development League meets here for a two days' session, and the local committee on arrangements has already taken steps to properly receive the visitors and to help make the convention of the league a complete success, so far as the city entertaining the league can do so.

These meetings will be given to the work of the league and no time will be wasted. A list of speakers is on the program that promises well for the meeting, and the reports of standing committees that will deal with matters of interest to the valley and the state in general promises to be of exceptional interest.

The Albany Commercial Club is the organization directly charged with the duty of preparing for the coming here of the Willamette Valley League. A neat invitation has been sent to all parts of the state, inviting commercial bodies to be represented at the convention next week, and another invitation has been sent to leading farmers and business men in all parts of the valley to be present and take part in the discussion.

On the afternoon of the first day Dr. M. H. Ellis of the Albany Commercial Club will deliver a short address of welcome to the league, and this will open the business session of the organization. At the evening meeting at the opera house J. K. Weatherford will deliver a 20-minute lecture on "Lian County, Present and Prospective," and Frank J. Miller will speak at the same on "The Value of a Pay Roll to a Community." These will be the two principal addresses to be delivered by local men on the opening day of the convention.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK RIDGE. Mrs. John Todd has been on the sick list for several days. J. B. Arrants is laid up with the la-grippe.

The revival meetings at Beulah church closed Sunday night. There were forty conversions, of which thirty-one joined the church.

McFadden and Brown were buying sheep in our neighborhood last week. Asa Miller is doing a good business trapping for the midnight marauders that visit our hen roosts.

Joe Hughes is getting very restless here of late as he is not used to staying at home seven days of the week. His smiling face is always seen at the rural mail-box far in advance of the carrier waiting for his Oregonian.

THE WEAK SPOT. When a boiler explodes, carrying death and destruction with it, every body says "Why? we thought it was strong enough." It must have had a weak spot somewhere.

Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points. Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction.

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