



THE GUARDIAN OF OUR BODY.

The foremost biologist of our day, M. Metschnikoff, has shown the world of science that there are leucocytes in our blood that act as scavengers or policemen. These policemen which are called phagocytes look out for the noxious or poisonous elements in our blood. Various offending elements are picked out of the blood and tissues by these policemen and destroyed. Therefore our lives are protected by these blood cell policemen, the phagocytes, and we enjoy immunity from disease so long as our blood contains plenty of phagocytes and red blood corpuscles.

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"The more study and time is given to the subject the more we find that the blood is the center of life"—says Dr. K. V. Pierce, the noted specialist of Buffalo, "the health and comfort of the average person depends entirely on this blood supply—for the heart must have pure blood or it will not pump and keep the body supplied regularly like the beautiful automatic engine it is. The nerves must be fed on pure blood—or we suffer the pain of neuralgia, which is the cry of the starved nerves for food. Headaches, cold in the head, catarrh—and many other things are due to stagnation of the blood."

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DEFEND THE GIANT.

Engage in Combat With the Standard Oil Company.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—The State of Kansas, with 400,000, and a stiff-backed population, has set about the task of fighting Standard Oil with \$400,000,000, and tentacles spreading all over the United States and foreign countries. The battle between the Sunflower State and the greatest of all monopolies and its ultimate outcome will well be worth watching.

Back of the State of Kansas are powerful influences which have not yet appeared upon the canvas. The people of that state have appealed to Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who has already paid his sarcastic compliments to Standard Oil, to take the generalship of the fight, but it is doubtful if he will accept. However, it is figured he may be relied upon for any friendly counsel.

In Pennsylvania there is a powerful independent company, and it has been asked to join hands in the battle. An English syndicate with dazzling capital is said to stand ready to build a pipe line to the Gulf of Mexico and thus give Kansas a market for her oil.

Before considering the lining up of the forces and speculating upon the probable result of the titanic contest, it will be well to get at the genesis of the struggle and see what it is all about. This is necessary to form an opinion about the merits of the contending forces and to align one's sympathy with one side or the other.

When oil was discovered in paying quantities in Kansas, the Standard people following their general policy, bought up or leased all the wells. The state was gridironed with pipe lines and the oil, in many instances, was purchased of the producers. Kansas now produces 27,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

At the outset, the Standard Company paid the producers \$1.20 a barrel for their oil, but not long ago this was reduced to 70 cents. Meanwhile, however, the price of refined oil, which burns in lamps in every Kansas store and hamlet, even to the sod houses in the remote districts, still sticks at the fancy price of 10 cents a gallon. Here is the rub. The hard-headed Kansans cannot understand why the price of crude oil should be cut almost in half and the price of the refined article continue to hang in the same notch.

This fact set men—and women—to thinking. The more they thought, the stronger grew the desire to strike at the "monster," which had set its tentacles upon the great industry of the state and was reaping enormous profits.

To remedy this condition, Senator Porter, of Coney County, finally evolved the bill which has passed both branches of the Legislature. It is one of the simplest measures ever adopted by the Kansas Legislature, but lawyers who have gone over it carefully say it contains elements for vast complexities. According to its caption, it is simply an act to provide a branch penitentiary and to furnish the labor and machinery for the refining of oil.

Inasmuch as the refinery is to be located at Peru, in the heart of the oil district, and inasmuch as it will cost \$200,000 to equip and \$200,000 additional to maintain for one year, although it will furnish work for only 15 convicts, the intent of the bill is plainly discernible. The sections relating to the branch penitentiary are simply put in to override a constitutional objection, for the state of Kansas is prohibited from engaging in any line of private business.

The claim has been made that Kansas cannot provide convicts enough to refine the oil produced within her borders. There are other lines of work which must be done by convict labor, according to the laws of the state, and there will be a shortage, even making allowance for the convicts from Oklahoma.

It is some that difficult to gauge the exact public sentiment in the state. While the bill providing for a state refinery passed with a whoop, there were surface indications that some of the legislators voted in opposition to their better judgment and in response to popular clamor. In defense of these men, it must be admitted there was nothing else for them to do. The state was aflame—and when Kansas is aflame, or bleeding—it is not wise to stem the tide.

Centennial Notes.

The manufacture of gold pens will form one of the many interesting working displays at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

California's Building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be four times as large as the pavilion the state erected at St. Louis.

Fraternal societies of the United States have organized for the purpose of erecting a Temple of Fraternity at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Over \$20,000 has been pledged toward the project, and the erection of a beautiful and appropriate structure is assured.

It has been decided that the machinery, as well as the amusements on the "Trail," at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be stopped on Sunday. The exhibit palaces will be open to the public and all other features of the Exposition will be running as on week days.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition buildings will be protected from danger of fire by a regular automatic system of fire alarms. The system works like ordinary improved city systems, automatically harnessing the horses to the wagons and engines, as well as sounding the alarm.

Ground has been broken for the Washington state building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition and work on the structure begun. The building will typify the timber wealth of the Evergreen state. The Washington legislature recently appropriated \$75,000 for erecting the building and collecting and installing a comprehensive display of the resources of the state.

There are four daily papers published in Portland, two semi-weekly papers, 25 weekly papers, two bi-weekly papers, 27 monthly and one quarterly publication handled in the Portland postoffice. The average number of letters dispatched from the city during a month is 1,658,136; the number of pieces of all other kinds of mail handled in a month is 1,407,192.

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