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TREND OF SENTIMENT

In scanning the headlines of newspapers from time to time, how often we are confronted by those that are suggestive of war! When we search the political horizon, so far as the United States is concerned from an outside view, it looks quite serene and tranquil, but what the underside might disclose is not permitted to rise to the surface for general inspection.

We presume that there is more or less liability at all times for disruption of peaceful conditions, but the thought we wish to get at, or the subject we wish to consider, is the spirit of strife which pervades the human family, or rather that desire which is blossoming out, indicating that a general fuss of the heavy-weight character, would be about the right thing with which to spice life and give it proper zest. In other words it suggests the idea that most men are spoiling for a scrap, and are carrying the proverbial chip around upon their shoulder, and while they may themselves be loath to do the scrapping, yet they would enjoy the excitement pretty much the same as those who attend a prize fight or the Spanish bull contest, providing some one else does the fighting, not even considering that they may be called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones who fall upon the glory field.

The average man loves peace and desires quietude, but there are those whose whole aim is the congregation of wealth, who have no ideal limit to the amount that will satisfy them, and neither have they regard for God, man or country, and if this class can introduce conditions by which their purposes can be realized, they will do so no matter what the consequences are to other classes or individuals.

The laboring classes; those who till the farms, build railroads, and hew down the forests, in fact, the general utility person should be loath to cultivate such spirit, for if these government wreckers do find it convenient to bring about conditions of strife, they will see to it that the other fellow does the fighting.

Peace can sometimes be purchased at too great sacrifice, but those who stand for the right, and do that which is right have little to fear and no cause for regret. But, if the trusts and other great combinations of wealth overreach and invite national strife because of their greed, they should do their own fighting or lose their venture. Uncle Sam has no moral nor judicial right to enforce claims which are the result of sharp practice.

Rockefeller can hold us up when he raises the price of oil,

but if the great body of American people say no, he cannot force them to go out and fight some other nation whom he has robbed, and neither can others do so.

Rockefeller! John, De Rockefeller! He is pretty well named. He has made the way of life and prosperity rocky for many another fellow.

Sir Thomas Lipton who has made three unsuccessful attempts to win the America's Cup is trying to arrange for another yacht race with the hope that he may yet succeed. American citizens would regret to lose the cup, but in case of capture, would rather see it go to Sir Thomas than to anyone else.

Commander Peary has sent all the high-priced word-writers to the shade, as he is to receive \$1.20 a word for a 50,000 word write-up of his Arctic experiences. However Rockefeller still stands at the head; he can write a few words on a small piece of paper and pass it along for a million dollars or more.

Large purses are being offered for the Jeffries-Johnson fight and many cities are reaching out for it. A man from Bellingham, Wash., has offered \$125,000 to secure the bout. Whether Jeffries whips the Negro, or the Negro whips Jeffries we care little, but we just wonder how much these bidders after a slugging match would offer to secure something to their towns that would be of a moral and uplifting nature.

Zook the Painter, will hang your paper.

L. D. Brown, Attorney-at-law, Notary Public, Abstractor, Dallas, Oregon.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, Executor of the estate of Mary Jane Wolverton, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his residence in the City of Monmouth, in said Polk County, within six months from the date of this notice.

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