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WILL IT CLEANSE?

There is much said in regard to the Tammany element in New York city, the cleansing effect being the theme. But will it cleanse? Will New York stay clean?

The graft, and the abuse of political powers, in many of the large cities, smells to the ends of the earth, and states, such as the Pennsylvania Capitol graft scandal, are not behind in the scale of wrong doing and importance, and the same spirit of evil reaches out into corporations of various kinds until the graft proposition has become world-wide and growing.

We do not mean that there are no honest men, nor honest combinations, for we believe that the majority of the human family is honest, honorable men and women, but that conditions have obtained whereby those who are not honest, have been able to profit at the expense of the many, because of the environment which has been thrown around them, such environment or opportunity often being the result of shrewd design.

Francis J. Heney is a reformer and has done much to prosecute rogues, but he could not be elected prosecuting attorney of San Francisco. The majority said, "No." Those who led the fight against him were able to control the votes necessary to his defeat.

A few years ago the citizens of Philadelphia made a clean sweep and turned the rogues out, but what was the result? They had a clean government for a year; they got several thousand dead men's names taken off the registration list causing a shrinkage of nearly one hundred thousand in the city's vote, but the wave of reform stopped. The citizens went to sleep over the cleaning process and soon the rascals turned themselves in again, that is the city's government soon fell into the same hands that had held high carnival with its funds before.

The Tammany Tiger is not dead but sleepeth. The wires will be laid and unless the majority of New Yorkers keep wide awake Tammany will be in the saddle and riding in a short time.

A great American said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and it is true.

The Springfield News says that the town jail there was occupied one night last week, by a couple of "Booze fighters," who became too hilarious and whose street expressions were not up to the standard of morality to be tolerated. They may have been "Booze fighters" but they showed very inferior generalship, as Booze got the best of them and won the victory while

they were jailed because of the racket that Booze made. It may have been fighting booze but there is a difference between that and Booze fighters.

Bad Roads Are Costly

The Lebanon Express gives some interesting statistics on the cost of moving freight. It is interesting reading as this expense touches citizens of all degrees and classes. It reads as follows:

"The average cost of carrying a ton of goods a mile by lake is eight-tenths of a mill and by rail 7 1-16 mills. The average cost of carrying a ton of goods a mile on first class roads is said to be 7 cents and on common country roads 25 cents.

The latest report (made by the department of agriculture for 1904) shows 2,151,570 miles of public roads in the United States, of which 7.14 per cent were improved. In old, populous and rich states, such as New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, improvements were reported on less than 10 per cent of the public roads.

Almost every pound of freight originating upon or destined to a farm moves over a country road, most of it over a "common" country road, at a cost some three times as high as it would be if the road were first class. Sometimes the goods actually pay a heavier toll for a few miles' carriage between railroad station and farm than for all the remainder of the journey.

The railroads themselves spend millions to clip off 1 or 2 per cent from operating expenses here and there, and if farmers were presented with a feasible scheme for reducing their railroad freights, even one-quarter, they would feel that there indeed was a burning issue.

Road improvement receives much more attention than formerly, but much less than it deserves."

Zook the Painter, will hang your paper.

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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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