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## SHALL THE CITY PUT ON A CLEAN DRESS?

Who suggested clean-up-day? Don't all speak at once; perhaps most of us are like ye editor and would rather see "Goerge" do it, at least on occasions when a day was set apart to make a clean-up, most of us waited for the other fellow to get out and do the work.

One old citizen remarked in our presence, the other day, that in twenty years he had not seen the streets along the sidewalks so grown up in grass and wild rose bushes, etc., and he seemed to think it was about time for a change.

Now he did not include the whole town in his denunciation of the carelessness on the part of property owners and renters, for he remarked favorably of the neatness of a certain yard kept by one of Monmouth's ladies.

Well, we presume that something ought to be done, but most of us are so busy chasing anything that makes a noise like a dollar, from morning until night, that it is a task to look after the streets and other property surrounding our homes, and if "George" could be induced to relieve us what a comfort it would be.

But come to think of it there is a law in Oregon, or at least it is so said, which prohibits men from getting something for nothing and if there is no such law in Oregon, there is one incorporated in the immutable laws of Diety which declares that nothing shall be had except by sacrifice, and we conclude that if our city is cleaned of the accumulations that have come to us as a heritage of inaction and carelessness, some of us will have to hustle around and do it for "George" won't.

The thistle has found lodgment in vacant lots and streets, and the wild rose flourishes and grows along the sidewalks to the detriment of clothing as more than one person can testify, and, well—what are we going to do about it? Don't all answer at once.

The region south of Bay City, Michigan, had a forty-five minute snow storm Monday night. Considering the heat wave which passed over that section a few days ago, dealing out death, especially at Chicago, near the Michigan state line, this certainly is a remarkable change in weather conditions.

Sunday and Monday gave this section of Oregon another taste of the strength of Sol's rays, mercury climbing to the 95 degree mark in the shade. In Portland the register marked almost 100, being the hottest day this year.

Zook, the paper hanger will do your painting.

The United States senate, in attempting to pass legislation that will limit the expenditures of senatorial candidates to \$10,000 and congressional aspirants to \$5000 has succeeded in placing a value on votes which is put at ten cents a head. The figures are about right. Votes that are purchasable ought to be had at ten cents each or three for a quarter, or where they can be herded together in big droves special discounts should be given. They ought to be as cheap and on a par with these referendum signatures that were forged to the number of several thousand against the University appropriation at a cost to the original promoters of a few cents each.—Engene Register.

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## BLUNT ANDREW JACKSON.

"Old Hickory's" Caustic Advice to James Buchanan.

Stories of Andrew Jackson are likely to be pointed out to have a practical application, as do the stories told of Franklin. In Mr. J. W. Forney's "Anecdotes of Public Men" there is given a story as it was told by James Buchanan at his own table. Although it contained a reproach from the president to one who was to succeed him, it is said to have been a favorite story at that board.

Shortly after Mr. Buchanan's return from Russia in 1834, to the court of which country he had been sent by Jackson in 1832, and immediately following his election to the senate he called upon "Old Hickory" with a fair English lady whom he desired to present to the head of the American nation.

Leaving her in the reception room downstairs, he ascended to the president's private quarters, where he found General Jackson unshaved, unkempt, in his dressing gown, with his slippers on the fender, before a blazing wood fire, smoking a corncob pipe of the old southern pattern.

He stated his object, and General Jackson said that he would be very glad to meet the lady whom Mr. Buchanan desired to present.

Mr. Buchanan was always careful of his personal appearance and in some respects was a sort of masculine Miss Fribbe, addicted to spotless cravats and huge collars, rather proud of a foot small for a man of his large stature and to the last of his life what the ladies would call "a very good figure."

Having just returned from a visit to the fashionable circles of the continent after years of thorough intercourse with the etiquette of one of the starkest courts in Europe, he was somewhat shocked at the idea of the president meeting the eminent English lady in such a guise and ventured to ask if General Jackson did not intend to change his attire. Thereupon the old warrior rose, with his long pipe in his hand, and deliberately knocking the ashes out of the bowl, said to his friend:

"Buchanan, I want to give you a little piece of advice, which I hope you will remember. I knew a man once who made a fortune by attending to his own business. Tell the lady I will see her presently."

The man who became president in 1857 was fond of saying that this remark of Andrew Jackson humiliated him more than any other rebuke he had ever received.

He walked downstairs to meet the lady in his charge, and in a very short time President Jackson entered the room, dressed in a full suit of black, cleanly shaved, with his stubborn white hair forced back from his forehead, and, advancing to the beautiful visitor, he greeted her with almost kingly grace.

As she left the White House she said to her escort, "Your republican president is the royal model of a gentleman."

**Napoleon's Tribute to Frederick.**  
When, after the battle of Jena, Napoleon invaded Prussia he visited Potsdam, which contains the mortal remains of the Prussian kings. The sepulcher of Frederick the Great occupied a prominent site in the mausoleum. When entering the latter Napoleon uncovered his head and went directly up to the sarcophagus of the noted warrior. For a moment the conqueror stood still, seemingly absorbed in deep thought. Then with the forefinger of his right hand he wrote the word "Napoleon" in the dust of the huge stone casket and, turning to his marshals, said:

"Gentlemen, if he were living I would not be here."

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