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TWO WEEKS HENCE.

"Is this Monmouth? Why, what a change! The wild rose-bushes and briars gone from the streets, the yards cleaned up, the rubbish burned and carted away. Why, what a change! Who would have imagined a little energy expended would have made such a desirable acquisition.

Well, let us see to it that we make this change so that visitors may say nice things about our city.

CLEAR THEM OUT.

One of the city dads lit into the side walk, on the west side of Broad street, one day this week and the way the old broken sidewalk went into the street was anything but slow; it looked a little as though a cyclone was at work. Well, there was less danger in passing along after this first act was over.

However, this is not the only one that is in bad condition and if some more of them were pitched into the street there would be less liability to damage claims from accidents.

Following we give some of the rules and regulations of the Grants Pass high school: "Pupils must keep their clothes free from the odor of tobacco, and no pupil shall be permitted to use or have tobacco in any form about his person, under penalty of suspension." These regulations are commendable and ought to apply to any educational institution. Tobacco is a stimulant and is a thing that no one needs any more than they need opium or morphine. However, if the habit is once acquired it is quite hard to get rid of it.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," we are told, but that is only one of the blessings that arise from its gruesome appearance; we say gruesome because most of us dislike most strongly to come up against its adamant diction. However, it often takes severe measures to force us into action and when we have pushed forward, conquered the difficulty and become master of the situation, we find ourselves gainers because circumstances forced us to action. Necessity is going to push sidewalk construction pretty soon.

Many states are sending two sets of delegates to the republican convention, and if the fight goes on as bitterly there between the Taft and Roosevelt forces as it does in the several states, the prospect for two conventions and two Republican tickets in the field at the coming election is good.

One of our exchanges suggests that war correspondents should be sent to Ohio, but the HERALD

thinks it unnecessary; Teddy and William are there and each will see that the country is enlightened as to the misdeeds of the other.

A CHIVALROUS MAN.

The city of Albany harbors a chivalrous man. It may not have a Round Table, but it has a right courtly knight, than whom Sir Lancelot was no whit more gentle. In the Albany Democrat there appears the following brief but eloquent apostrophe:

"Oh, these splendid Albany girls, with their sweet voices and exquisite touch!"

Uncounted peans have been sung to woman's beauty; poets for two thousand years have told of her wondrous tenderness; her love and devotion have been apostrophized in every land and in every tongue. The great men of all time have vied in extolling the virtues of woman. But it has remained for an Albany editor to pay glowing tribute to her touch.

Most men, when they are "touched" by their women folks, emit a roar like the angry voice of a Kansas cyclone, and deliver an impromptu but impassioned philippic against the high cost of living. All honor to the man who has made a virtue of what has long been thought a fault.—Eugene Register.

Boards of Inquiry to Determine Causes of Accidents.

San Francisco, May —Boards of Inquiry will hereafter be convened to ascertain the cause and fix the responsibility, where such immediate cause is not clearly manifest, for all accidents on the Southern Pacific, according to information made public in the general offices of the Southern Pacific here today. Full publicity as to the findings of such inquiry boards will also be given.

This is a new move on the part of the Southern Pacific and is in line with its policy of full publicity for accidents adopted several years ago. Following an accident that is not of minor consequence the ranking official on the division on which the accident occurs, shall convene the board, which board shall comprise two disinterested persons not connected with the railroad, and the division officers representing the operating, mechanical and engineering departments. The board must visit the scene of the accident and must take the testimony of employes and eye-witnesses, persisting in the investigation until the causes are determined. Should a division board of inquiry fail to reach a conclusion a second board comprising higher officials shall be convened and if the findings of the second board be not conclusive the general manager will convene a third board.

The instructions to officers who shall convene inquiry boards state specifically that the responsibility must be fixed regardless of individuals or interests affected. The findings must be turned over to the general manager and from the latter's office to the press. Prominent business men from the neighborhood in which an accident may occur usually sit as members of such boards and of several inquiries already held the findings of these boards have all been unanimous.

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