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WANT SAFEGUARD

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." So said a great statesman, and it is no less true now than when first expressed, but under the stress of present conditions perhaps the expression is more pronounced.

In most states where popular government has been adopted there has been the tendency to scandal, fraud and perjury which threaten to destroy the favor with which measures have been received and regulate them to the scrap heap.

Every reader remembers the scandals and favors connected with the referendum in Oregon during the past two years. How that many names were declared to have been fraudulently attached to the different petitions.

Such conditions in Ohio have obtained that Governor Cox has made a number of suggestions to the next legislature to remedy the evil in that state.

The proposed amendments follow:

"That the perjury and forgery laws be so broadened that a false petition will be a felony.

That no circulator of petitions may work outside his own county, and that none may collect more than 200 signatures.

That oath as to the genuineness of a petition must be made before the county clerk; not a notary public.

That all petitions be filed with the county board of electors, and that body be given power to investigate the signatures.

That only registered electors be permitted to sign petitions.

The expenditures in connection with petitions should either be prohibited or the corrupt practices act be made to cover them.

That circulators be required to make sworn financial statements."

Oregon might profit by some such enactments. However the tendency of the times, when judged by the frauds that are being and have been exposed in cities and corporations in diverse places, are toward evil and injustice, and unless there is a return to right living and right conditions it is little use to legislate. It is not so much the creation of laws, but their enforcement that will bring equitable conditions.

### Can Afford It

The Oregonian says it thought well of Dr. C. J. Smith as a candidate for governor but is obliged to modify its opinion because the doctor stands for law enforcement and upholds the use of effective methods. It objects especially to a statement from Dr. Smith containing the following paragraph:

"I think a governor who knew that violations of the criminal



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## FIGURE OF ENTERPRISE CROWNS HUGE TRIUMPHAL GROUP AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THE above photograph represents "Enterprise," a detail of the sculptural group, the "Nations of the West," which will crown the Arch of the Setting Sun at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915. This arch will be on the opposite side of the Court of the Sun and Stars to the Arch of the Rising Sun, crowned by the composition "Nations of the East." The group "Nations of the West" is designed by Messrs. A. Stirling Calder, Leo Lentell and Frederick G. R. Roth.

laws were being winked at would be derelict in his sworn duty if he did not exert every effort to compel observance of the law, going even, if necessary, to the extent of using new methods."

At Copperfield there was a situation calling for "new methods." The mayor, Stewart, was a saloonman. His partner in the saloon business, Warner, was a member of the council; the saloon swamper was also a councilman. Another councilman, Wiegand, also ran a saloon and his bartender was a councilman. That placed the town government completely in the hands of two saloonkeepers, two bartenders and one swamper. Copperfield was wide open. Boys 14 years of age could get booze on Sundays or week days and they could gamble in the saloons. Incendiary fires were started, murder was threatened and decent people complained they were subject to insults and dangers.

Governor West first tried to correct this situation through the civil authorities. They laughed at him. The sheriff claimed he was a warrant server; the district attorney used the stale excuse he had no evidence. When after a reasonable time the Baker county officers failed to act the governor sent Col. Lawson and several militiamen there to do the work. They acted quietly and in accordance with law. Not a blow was struck, not a shot was fired. But Copperfield was cleaned up and from reports the job was thoroughly done.

Because Dr. Smith upholds Governor West in performing his constitutional duty as he saw it the doctor gains the enmity of the Oregonian. He can afford it.—East Oregonian.

The Department of Agricul-

ture is authority for the statement that farmers of the United States lose \$30,000,000 annually through potato diseases. Combine this sum with similar ones, some greater and some less, that are lost through other plagues and pests, affecting orchards, grain fields and livestock, and the total is simply appalling. However, the average person, reading them over, fails to realize how these things affect him. Thirty million dollars is so much that it does not mean anything. We believe, if all the ills of the man on the soil were removed, his total net earnings per annum would be more than tripled.—Rural Spirit.

From the number of candidates that are showing up for the governors seat one would conclude that there were lots of talented men out of a job.

Harry K. Thaw has had his inning at last. A commission of inquiry has found that he is not insane, and that if admitted to bale, would not be a menace to society. There are many people who do not believe that he ever was insane.

Ojinaga, Mexico, has fallen and General Villa is preparing to march upon Mexico City with his conquering force. Huerta's sun is fast sinking and it is about time for him to take a trip to Spain in case he is not anxious to join the late President Madero.

### Ivory Billiard Balls.

The experience of the workers who turn ivory for billiard balls has shown that, as it dries, ivory shrinks. The tusks of the cow elephant have been found best adapted to the making of billiard balls. The tusk of the female is not so curved as that of the male, and the fine nerve passage is not so clearly seen. Billiard balls are turned in the rough and kept in a warm room for a long time, sometimes as long as two years. Then, after shrinking, they are turned again.

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