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One of the greatest educational campaigns ever undertaken in the West is about to be inaugurated in Seed Grain Specials which are to run over both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railways. Cars are to be fitted up with samples of grains illustrating the advantages of approved varieties, of selection of seed, of different methods of cultivation etc., samples, too, of noxious weeds, eradication and control of which will form one of the topics for discussion. The effects of smut in reducing yields and grades, with methods of prevention, and many other such practical points will be illustrated and discussed.

Women of the South are interesting themselves in education more deeply each year. Not long ago they formed an interstate association for the betterment of the public schools. At present the association is composed of one representative woman from each of thirteen states under the presidency of a North Carolina woman. During the approaching winter the members of the committee intend to organize the women of their states so that they all may work together for the elevation of the standard of public school education.

Editorially expressed, this is the opinion of the Union Republican: "Eastern Oregon is rather inclined to stand by Judge Ellis, of Pendleton, for Congress, and attorney Johns of Baker City, for Governor. In the distribution of the official positions, it would seem that Eastern Oregon should be recognized. The country east of the Cascades and south of the forty-sixth parallel is entitled to some thing."

Multi-millionaires have found a great deal more pleasure in the pursuit than in the possession of their immense wealth. Plutocrats are said to be a very unhappy set of mortals. They are bearers of heavy burdens, much heavier than falls to the common people. Magnificent homes are not always havens of happiness.

The first sentence for illegal voting in New York's recent election was passed upon Edward Mead who pleaded guilty to voting twice. He was sentenced to Sing Sing for not less than two years nor more than three and a half.

The emperor of Japan has offered his thanks in due form to his ancestors for the successful termination of the

war. This religious duty having been performed, he can now express his thanks to the men behind the guns, who gave his ancestors very valuable assistance on several occasions during the war.

There is no use to orate irately on the rate question; for it can be settled without much oratorical bombast. But fair discussion is necessary. Men will make it a hobby and windjammers use it to excite people if possible. A square deal will be satisfactory to the people.

No tariff should be high enough to permit the manufacturers of any commodity to sell that commodity thousands of miles away in a foreign country cheaper than he will sell it at home to the citizens of the country in which it is manufactured.

A carefully taken census of the state of Iowa shows a decrease of fifteen thousand in its population as compared with the last previous census. This is probably about the number of people Iowa sent to the Northwest.

Prince Charles has a good job as king of Norway. About all he has to do is to sit on the throne, look wise, dress well and draw his salary. He is a fine young Dane and is as lucky as he is handsome.

Reports from Sofia say that "a lady bandit" is operating in the Caucasus. She is foolish for operating where money is so scarce when she might come over here and have a booth at a charity fair.

The president of San Domingo has ordered printed 5,000 copies of Wagner's "Simple Life" for distribution among the people. It may encourage the natives to wear a shirt.

Julian Hawthorn is authority for the statement: "Very little that is worth remembering is said or thought after midnight." And Mr. Hawthorn is a married man, at that.

Fortunate barbers! They don't have to compete with the mail order houses; people can't send off for hair cuts, shaves, shampoos or face massages.

The voters kill off one set of political bosses and another takes their places. Here again eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Sir Thomas Lipton is going after that cup again. He realizes that advertising is a waste of money unless you stick to it persistently.

After all this would be a dull world without Stead, Lawson and Labouchere. They are all artists in their line.

The Japs, they tell us, bathed before every battle. The Russians bathe after every war.

College girls at Cleveland were discovered playing poker. This may have been the class in applied society.

SUCKERS AND FISHERMEN.

(San Francisco Call.)

Some years ago Teed founded in San Francisco what he called "The Koreshan Unity." As no one knew what that meant, it had all the attractions of mystery necessary to the foundation of religious folderol. He found followers and professed to have the power to have the human race look at its toes long enough to become unisexual and self-generative. He

belongs to that class of profound fakers who know that the more improbable, unlikely and foolish the teaching, the more apt it is to find followers. Make mystery of nonsense, bawl "abracadabra" and look solemn, claim a supernatural power that exists only in the claim and is never exhibited, and out of the mass of humanity will issue a stream of believers, feathered geese, ready to be plucked.

Teed went from here to Chicago and gathered geese feathers enough to make him rich and went to Florida, where he has set up a temple establishment and is still pushing his confidence game all over the country. Attention is called to him now by a home in this city broken up by his arts exercised upon a woman. There is talk of appeal to the federal authorities to suppress him. But for what use? If he does not break out in a new place another will. As long as there is grist of that kind. There seems to be a fixed percentage of people who are ripe on both sides for that sort of deception. It is useless to try to understand them. It makes them happy to be fooled. If their eyes were ever open it is after they have been robbed materially and morally, and even then their fate does not deter others.

As long as there are suckers there will be fishermen. The newspapers expose these frauds and broadcast the misery of their awakened victims in vain. The procession of mystery and wonder seekers will not lose a single fool. They will march right on into the traps set by the crafty, the sensual and the greedy. Intelligence and education has no effect in diminishing the number who go marvel hunting. An appeal to the law is useless, except for the restoration of the goods in case of actual robbery. Character cannot be recovered in a lawsuit, and perhaps is not worth it.

MERRIWETHER COURT MARTIAL.

(Maverick.)

We all know from hearsay that at the Annapolis Naval academy there is an unwritten "code" for the regulation of cadets, by the provisions of which upper classmen lord it over and tyrannize new men in many ridiculous ways. We have read that when a young fellow enters that institution he must be very humble and obsequious to those who have come before; that if he rebels against these long established customs, becomes "too ratty," as the embryonic sailors express it, his life is made a burden. An independent boy can but help feeling humiliated by being forced to occupy so degrading a position, and only in the event that he prefers popularity to retaining his self-respect does he submit.

Refusal to submit, according to the provisions of this code, subjects him to a fist fight with one of the older, presumably larger cadets, and, therefore, usually a licking. The system is a degrading one and should be abolished. It probably will be after the Merriwether court martial now in session finishes its deliberations.

This trial has brought out these facts. Midshipman Merriwether, of Lafayette, Louisiana, was "too ratty." Midshipman Branch, the son of a wealthy New Yorker, who was evidently aggressively chesty, assigned to him the duty of making life not worth living to the former, resorting to all sorts of exasperating tactics. Forbearance ceasing to be many virtues, the Creole informed the New Yorker bully what he really was, a sneak and a coward—such is and always have been bullies. Then came the inevitable fist fight, properly refereed and hedged about with all the requirements of the code. By some mischance Branch got the licking that was scheduled for Merriwether; from the effects of which he died, and the cadet who gave him what was coming to him is now on trial, charged with manslaughter.

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