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I'll tell you about this thing of luck says an exchange. It comes to the person who keeps the weeds cut down so that it can find him. Luck sometimes walks up and collars an idler, but it is more apt to nab the man who is busy doing the best he can all the time. Luck isn't lying around on the street allowing loafers to cover it with whittlings. Neither is it in a stream waiting for some lazy fisherman to hook it. Luck generally goes hand in hand with industry. If you sit around and wait for luck to hand you a bag of gold and make you a rich man you are pretty apt to end your days in the poorhouse. A four leaf clover will bring more luck to a busy fellow than it will to the loafer. It may seem a little tough for a man to work hard for a long time and then have his earnings swept from him at a single stroke, but it is better to have it lost than never to have had it at all. And another thing; luck isn't labelled. So it will do you no good to stand around and look for it. Go to work.

The new field organization of the Forest Service will greatly facilitate the use of the National Forests by the people. It will mean that the National Forest business which formerly was transacted in Washington will be handled by officers on or near the ground. The establishment of the district headquarters is the culmination of a plan towards which the Forest Service has been working steadily, since it took charge of the National Forests.

The farmer with his potatoes and his apples, the miller with his flour and meal, the hardware man with his nails, the cement manufacturer, and the many other users of the faithful slack barrel, that combination of staves, hoops and heading, which is not intended to hold water or something stronger in fluid form, used for forest products last year having the enormous value of \$15,800,253.

Sir Charles Sautley, the British scientist, has discovered, after painstaking investigation, that smoking contrary to established belief, does not harm the voices of singers. In fact, he says that in moderation smoking makes the voice clear. This is all right if it does not encourage more men to attempt singing.

There was a good deal of sound human nature in the unexpected reply of the dying old woman to her minister's leading question: "Here, at the end of a long life, which of the Lord's mercies are you most thankful for?" Her eyes brightened as she answered: "My victuals."

Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania will ask the legislature for \$6,000,000 to build a state highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. The good roads movements taking a more practical shape in all the states.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER should take care to keep it away from the household medicines. During the past 10 days the press of the northwest has chronicled no less than a half dozen fatalities caused by carelessness. Only two of these cases were children, the others being adults.

Courts have power to save us against ourselves. A fanatical woman who set out to fast for sixty days was ordered by the judge, to whom her husband appealed, to eat. Upon her refusal to do so, the judge's order to feed her by force was carried out by doctors and nurses.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is shocked because the latest suit for alienation of affections is by a husband who puts his wife's value at only \$20,000. The husband's turn to be shocked will come when the jury awards him 20 cents.

Japan would no doubt like to annex the Pacific Coast states, but it costs more money to make war than the Japs can rustle; so notwithstanding all diplomatic misunderstandings, we are safe for a few decades to come.

United States authorities have deported a boy to Russia seven times. The next time he comes they ought to let him stay. A youngster of his perseverance and determination has the making of a good citizen in him.

The election of Governor Cummins to fill the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Allison, marks the definite and distinct passing of the old political regime in Iowa.

John D. Rockefeller says he can not remember all the details of the Standard Oil transactions, but it's not on record that he ever forgot to take advantage of an opportunity.

A Tillamook boy of seven killed his 10-year-old brother with a lead fired from a shotgun. What a pretty, innocent, delightful toy it is for children of that age to play with.

In Goldendale, Washington, the High School pupils had a great deal of fun with their "Tag Day" on Saturday—the proceeds will go towards painting the school building.

In two recent instances a bull has attacked a locomotive, and in each case got the worst of it, although the last emotion of the bull may have been that of satisfaction.

The Philadelphian who has just gone abroad to claim a \$10,000,000 fortune probably could have maintained a longer confidence in his claim by remaining at home.

A couple of people in San Francisco were fatally shocked by a clothline. The exhibits on the clotheslines on Mondays are enough to shock most any modest person.

Over 500 people were put in peril of their lives when one steamer ran down another. But think how many lives are imperiled when one woman runs down another.

Having passed through a political landslide safely it was the irony of fate that Nebraska's governor-elect should succumb to a poor inoffensive lodge goat.

Prosperity has struck the state of Washington. All the salaries of the state officials go up a few notches.

An ordinance is before the city council of Spokane, to limit the saloons to 218. The plan is to limit them to the present number.

William Waldorf Astor has handed \$50,000 to Oxford University and is anxiously looking forward to the king's next birthday.

"A California butcher has been arrested on the charge of working stray dogs up into bologna." Muzzle the sausage!

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CARNEGIE ON PROTECTION.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is in favor of abolishing the protective policy, says an exchange. Having made several hundred million dollars out of his infant industry under the protective system is willing to let other people depend on themselves and not on the government. The protected interests will think this is an exhibition of selfishness and ingratitude on the part of Mr. Carnegie, but even if so he tells some important and undeniable facts.

A general fact is that protection is properly for infant or new and struggling industries only, and not for great industrial giants, such as are now its beneficiaries. And a specific fact is that steel, on which the duty is prohibitive of importations, and which is sold abroad 30 or 35 per cent cheaper than in the United States, can be manufactured cheaper in this country than anywhere else in the world. This is true of some other highly protected products, too, but steel is a very conspicuous example of this species of robbery of the American people, and on this subject Mr. Carnegie is an expert witness; he knows exactly what he is talking about.

He very correctly says, also, that the main object of a tariff law should be revenue, with protection carefully confined to really new, undeveloped, "infant" industries. This is Democratic doctrine, but Mr. Carnegie says the tariff should not be a party question, and keeps on contributing heavily to the party of high protection. Like many others he preaches one thing and practices another. He hasn't forgotten what enabled him to make \$500,000,000 in a few years.

TECHNICILITY AND HONOR.

But regarding the pledges made by certain candidates—to elect the man who was the people's choice for United States senator—the Spectator presumes to have a right to say something. The legislative candidate who, before election pledged himself to vote for the people's choice for United States senator, must keep that pledge after election.

When an honest man makes a pledge he intends keeping it. The men who subscribed to the provisions of Statement No. 1, were elected by voters who believe the candidates would carry out to the letter the things Statement No. 1 pledged them to. Some men who did not believe in Statement No. 1 refused, these men are under no obligation to vote for the people's choice for United States senator. But the men who voluntarily subscribed to Statement No. 1 who sought election under its provisions, and who were elected under its provisions must keep their pledges—or be forsworn, and accounted knaves and rogues.

Decisions in North Dakota do not touch the situation in Oregon; all the decisions by all the courts in the world would not affect the fact that a majority of the legislative candidates morally bound themselves to vote for the people's choice for United States senator. That the pledge taken by the candidates did not legally bind them to do what they solemnly vowed to do will not be accepted by any honorable man as an excuse for breaking his pledge. I imagine that with men of honor a political promise is as sacred as any other, and that the man who seeks a position from the people on a direct promise to perform a specific act when he gets it is as likely to do what he promises as is the person who engages himself to perform certain services for an individual.

Among men of honor there is something higher than the chicane of legal technicalities. Did Legislator Jones sign Statement No. 1? Did he seek election on Statement No. 1? If Legislator Jones answers these questions in the affirmative, Legislator Jones as a man of honor must vote for the people's choice for senator. And decisions from North Dakota, and legal technicalities, and the cheap subtleties of hairsplitting lawyers will not relieve Jones of the solemn obligation he knows he owes the people. For there is something higher even in politics, than legal technicalities—and that is Jones' personal honor.—Portland Spectator.

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