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The coreless apple has been produced, according to Sampson Morgan, in the Nineteenth Century Magazine. He regards it as the world's greatest discovery in horticulture and fruit growing circles call it the wonder of the age. The flavor of the coreless apple is beyond question, says Mr. Morgan, who prophesies that because it possesses one-fourth more solid flesh than a seedy apple of equal proportions it will revolutionize the commercial apple industries everywhere. The core of the new apple is red, dotted with yellow on the skin. As with the seedless orange, so with the seedless apple, a slightly hardened substance makes its appearance at the navel end. As a result of 12 years experimenting to secure the fruit, a blossomless tree has developed.

Senator C. J. Smith, of this county will father a bill before the legislature that will appeal to the residents of Eastern Oregon. His bill will provide a plan whereby farmers may cooperate in securing artesian water. Under the terms of the bill the farmers of any community may combine in a petition for the creation of a district. In doing so they pray that their property be assessed a specified amount for the purpose of sinking an experimental well. When the next annual tax levy is made by the county, the county court levies this special tax upon the property in the district. When the necessary money has been raised in this manner the well is then dug by contract at a location offering the greatest inducements.

A novel feature that could advantageously be adopted by any Northwestern community, no matter how small has been introduced by the Portland Commercial Club. A special committee has formulated a plan having for its purpose giving the "glad hand" to every newcomer. At the rate immigration is coming to the Coast a similar committee would have its hands full in welcoming new people. In some places the women's clubs have made it a point to promptly call upon the new ladies.

The last stand of the Anti-Statement forces is being made at Salem. With anti-Statement men as president of the Senate and speaker of the house, a last, strong pull is being made on the wires to defeat Chamberlain and the wishes of the people. The trump card to be played or rather the wedge which it is hoped will rend asunder the solid phalanx of statement men, is the demand that Chamberlain shall resign as governor, before being elected senator.

In its issue of January 2nd the Saturday Evening Post has an extended article on the recent National Apple Show at Spokane. Special attention is given the famous fruit districts of Washington and Oregon, and this attractive presentation of the fruit in-

dustry before five millions of readers just at the time when they are contemplating a trip to this section to see the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is going to be of most substantial benefit. This alone paid for giving the show.

The minister who recently doubled the attendance at his church by displaying advertising in the newspapers evidently believes, with Wesley, that Satan shouldn't be given a monopoly of the best means for reaching the heart of the busy world. But the question has a practical side. People will consult the papers to find out what is going on around them, and the church that is willing to challenge criticism by advertising may be supposed to offer something worth while.

1909 will be travel year for the Pacific Northwest. The most advantageous rates are in this direction. All of the great railroads of the country are going to bend their efforts toward presenting the resources of this portion of the United States throughout the East, Canada and Europe. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and the Portland Rose show will be two important features and railway men in all the large centers of population predict an enormous travel.

The Pacific Monthly, published at Portland, Oregon, has organized a Progress Department, to begin with the January number. It is the purpose of this department to condense original items which will interest prospective homeseekers or investors in Washington and Oregon. The editor of this department would especially appreciate letters direct from producers giving facts which would be of interest to intending homeseekers.

During the last fiscal year ending June 30, the United States Forest Service issued to settlers in the neighborhood of National Forests in western states over 30,000 "free use" permits, under which the settlers received free about 264,000 cords of fire wood, posts, poles and sawlogs, worth \$169,320, or about 64 cents per cord in the forest—a low valuation.

The automobile club responds to the accident indictment with "You're another." It admits that there are reckless drivers, but says that the chief fault is with pedestrians. According to that, if reckless drivers are abolished pedestrians will insist on breaking their own legs and cracking their skulls.

Managers of Poe centennial celebrations will do something unique if they bring out an American man or woman who enjoyed even a common school education and never recited "The Raven" or "The Bells."

After the kaiser and Tom Johnson have confessed to going broke on the eve of the holidays the average man will have courage to put up a stronger bluff than ever.

Of course Germany favors our ultimatum that China's door remains open, because there lies the kaiser's only chance now to get away from home occasionally.

It is easier to find a "needle in a haystack" than an eligible in Uncle Sam's bunch who didn't know it was leap year until too late.

One great trouble with flying is that the earth is such a solid thing to fall on.

Americans, declares Prof. Zehlin, prefer the exclusive to the common life. The man who owns a motor car will be inclined to deny this assertion.

John Milton undoubtedly was somebody in the era following 1803, but he made the mistake of his life by failing to launch football or invent golf.

Pessimists who thought the earth was crying up will have to look around for some other form of trouble that may be used for borrowing purposes.

Holland's way of getting at Venezuela with "a word and a blow" was the regulation one, but with a guerilla attachment. The blow led off.

When the Englishmen hear that Chicago's smoke is greater than that of London they will put it down as nothing but another Yankee boast.

A strong suspicion exists that the sick man of Europe never will be well until he packs up and goes over to Asia, where he properly belongs.

It may comfort the kaiser during his convalescence to reflect that all the world knows there are "jags" which do not come on by the glassful.

Boom in demand for recipes for getting freckled was noted the instant somebody announced that kissing removes freckles.

Haiti can muster a good sized army at any time by simply drafting the "generals" in the ranks of presidential aspirants.

Of course the policemen who keep order along the airship route will be fly cops.

PROHIBITION AND LOCAL OPTION

The Prohibition party has issued a quasi official document from its national headquarters which almost amounts to a declaration of war upon the local optionists. It blames the latter for the diminished prohibition vote in the last election, declares that local option is a farce and claims that wherever it has been adopted by the electors the Prohibitionists did the preliminary work which made it possible. The Prohibition party men never have been remarkable either for common sense or for rigorous veracity. Both those highly admirable qualities are more or less sacrificed in the above statements. No well informed person who calls local option a farce can possibly feel that reverence for facts which is so extremely becoming to a worker in a good cause. The single incident that local option has appreciably diminished the Federal revenue from whisky effectually disposes of all such whiff charges. If local option were truly a failure, neither the liquor interests nor the Prohibitionists would oppose it so bitterly as they do. The liquor men's sole imaginable reason for disliking local option is that it diminished their trade. If it had no effect upon their sales they would disregard it just as they have disregarded the "good Templars" lodge. Whoever heard of the whisky trust assailing that meek and maidenly institution?

The Prohibitionists oppose local option because it does in stern reality, without fuss and feathers, what they do in vain theory and false pretense. Local option asks no political office for anybody. It runs counter to no man's principles and infringes upon nobody's personal liberty. It represents the liquor business to the people as an economic problem demanding solution and quietly asks "What are you going to do about it?" It accepts help from Republicans and Democrats with equal thankfulness and so conducts its campaign that the voter can advance its cause without hindering other measures which may interest him simultaneously. This, it seems to the Oregonian, is genuine practical wisdom; and the course of events certainly confirms our view of it. What did the Prohibitionists ever gain for actual temperance in the palmy days of their party when they used to make those preposterous campaigns of vituperation, reproach and hysterical oratory? In a long series of years they won victories in two or three states, but how long did the victories last? Iowa presently repudiated prohibition altogether. Maine kept it up persistently as a sham though she never had the courage to make it real. Kansas held to it in about the same way until the local optionists became strong enough to make the law enforceable.—Portland Oregonian.

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