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What Insurgency Really Is.

While the statisticians are thus telling us, in numbers far from mournful, that life in not an empty dream, that entrancing rhetorician William Allen White gives us another sort of bird's-eye view of the decade just ended and shows us the political progress we have made. The struggle for equal opportunity, he says in the American magazine, is the great world-movement, and is the core of every great reform the world has known. With a few bold strokes he puts in the background for his picture of the decade, thus: "In civilization based upon war the soldiers took the good things for themselves—the easy jobs, the powerful places, the social distinctions—the special privileges. In a social order based upon religion the priests took the fat and left the lean for the parishioners. "In days of old when knights were bold and barons held their sway" the picking all went to the rulers. One after another of these holders of special privileges was dethroned, and immediately the strong men of the world organized along different lines, and in a century or so the reformer came along, cocked his eye at the situation and began breaking down the old order and setting up the new. We can't change human nature; strong men will get the best of weak men. But we can, and thank Heaven, we do come along every few hundred years and take the soldiers the priest, or the politician by the scruff of the neck and lift him gently but firmly from his high seat at the apex of the human pyramid and from out the pyramid into a plane."

Just now it is the capitalist who has to be attended to and "the insurgence of insurgency" in the United States relates to him and to the divine right of capital.

The insurgent movement of the decade, continues Mr. White, has two objects, one political, one economic,—first to get the gun, then to hit something with it. This struggle for the gun—the political movement—has had three definite stages. First was the mild stage, the period of corrupt practices acts and secret ballots. During the first years of the decade practically every state passed that stage. Next came the stage of the direct primary, which arrays not one boss against another, but all the bosses against "the people."

In thirty-two American states this stage of the contest has been entered upon with varying degrees of efficiency. In nearly every contest of this kind the people have won, and a new breed of leaders has appeared, men who know that their masters are not the great public service corporations, but the people. The third, or constructive, stage is manifest by a demand for direct legislation and the recall. In nine American states the principle of direct legislation—the initiative and referendum is now recognized officially. Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Arkansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Nevada, Oregon and Montana have put it in the constitution. A tenth state, Texas, has a modified form of it in her primary law. In eight other states—only one, Massachu-

sets, an eastern state—direct legislation was this year pledged in the platform of every party. In all but two of the northern states west of the Alleghenies it is in the platform of at least one of the great parties. In our cities there are fifteen million persons living under charters giving them the referendum. Ten million have the right of initiative. Two million the right of recall. This third phase of the movement means the direct control of politics by the people without the intervention of bosses, who were financed by aggregations of capital seeking special privileges in government.

Reaching thus for the gun of political power, what will the people do when they get it? Mr. White's answer is, they are going to regulate and control capital. They have already begun. There is already a general agreement in the platforms of all parties upon the regulation of public service corporations. The railroad commission is "universally accepted." In a majority of the states, both parties pledge themselves to extend the powers of the railroad commission to all state-wide public utilities—express, telephone, gas, electric light and electric power companies. This is one important limitation already placed upon capital. Another growing conviction—now voiced in the President's message—that the mineral lands including coal and oil, shall be held for the people and operated under lease. A third limitation that is swiftly coming is the revision of the tariff in the future on the basis of a scientific examination of the schedules and not an examination of campaign contributions. A fourth form of limitation is the "almost universal demand" made in all the western states for employers' liability laws and workmen's compensation laws,—that is, that accidents to workmen shall be charged against capital, just as accidents to machinery are. Here, then, are four doors already closing upon the operations of capital in three large fields of enterprise. Thus far have we come in this decade; and in the recent election the voice of the people was heard speaking more clearly than ever before in favor of the continuation of this policy. Says Mr. White in conclusion: "Never before have we been so nearly one people, with one dominant political ideal, as we have shown ourselves this summer and autumn. We have said, this is our country, we realize it now; we propose to run it; now that we have found the political gunpowder we propose to end the political feudalism under which we have been living; this is our country, for we are of one mind and that mind is finding a voice. And that voice is speaking for the average man. Never before in all the world have any ninety millions of people held one idea, one abstract idea, so firmly in mind as the American people have held this idea: that capital, the product of the many, is to be operated fundamentally for the benefit of the many."

"If you have never seen Oregon, Washington or British Columbia in summer, or California in winter, you lack important qualifications for imagining what the climate of heaven may be like." So writes Dr. Woods Hutchinson in his latest volume on Travel, which has just been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Being one of the best known physician-literatures of the country, this tribute to the Pacific Coast in general and the Northwest in particular, is bound to attract a lot of attention. Speaking further, Dr. Hutchinson says: "It is the charmed land of the American continent, where a temperate sun, a mild climate and a fertile soil give man the stimulus of the green and rain swept north; with the luxurious return for moderate effort of the teeming tropics. The most rest-

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The Dalles Chronicle has changed hands, H. G. Miller, B. R. Litch and H. T. Hodkins having purchased all the stock of the Chronicle Publishing Co., and as joint owners they will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Miller will be manager, Mr. Hopkins editor, and Mr. Litch foreman. When the proprietors of a newspaper are all practical men as they are in this case they are sure to make a success. The coming of the Daily Chronicle to our exchange table is always a source of pleasure to us and in the future it will be even more so.

Twin Falls, Idaho, takes the palm for the greatest yield of potatoes in competition with Western States along the line of the Oregon Short Line, which offered a prize of \$500 for the best crop. Louis A. Snyder, living near Twin Falls, was awarded the prize, having grown 645 bushels on one acre. He irrigated his crop three times and planted and cultivated the tubers by machinery.

Shorthorn cattle owned and exhibited by W. O. Minor, of Heppner, won prizes at the Western Stock Show held at Denver during the past week. This same stock won blue ribbons at the Chicago livestock exposition, while at shows nearer home, Mr. Minor invariably captures honors.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Gilliam County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Ham, Deceased.

The undersigned administrator of the above named estate having filed his final account in the above entitled Court, and the Court having fixed Monday the 30th day of January, 1911, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day at the court room of the above entitled Court in the Court House in Condon Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of the said final account, and all objections thereto.

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Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Wilkins and Marshall W. Welboms of Clem, Oregon, and Conrad Schott and T. C. Mobley of Olex, Oregon.

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