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SOME DEMOCRATIC MISTAKES.

The resolutions adopted by the Democratic State Convention of Michigan at Detroit are interesting as signs of the times. It was to be expected, perhaps, that they would favor the election of United States Senators by popular vote...

Their trust resolution cannot escape so easily. It is already covered by the act to amend, as they do that the evils from trusts and corporations which annoy the country are a direct outcome of class legislation by the Republican party.

The Michigan Republican Convention the same day passed a resolution to the effect that the people of the United States amend the Constitution of the United States to permit the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people.

A NEW AND VAST EMPIRE. The world is not likely soon to lack for bread. Not only are the rich wheat-growing centers of the United States embracing Kansas, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Montana and Eastern Oregon and Washington, enormously productive of this great cereal and increasing in productivity year by year, but away to the north of us—far to the west of the old Canadian provinces that until recently were considered all that there was of the Northwest—there is a new empire that has been discovered, and added to the great domain of agriculture.

safe to say that everything was done which under the circumstances could be done. Why should Mr. Roosevelt "surrender"? He had nothing to hope from Mr. Aldrich and nothing to fear from either him or the railroads.

It is to be wished for their political welfare that the Michigan Democrats had paid less heed to the shortcomings of the Republicans and attended more closely to their own duties. They have they to rail by evoking the spirit of free silver from the diabolical shades where it wanders ghostly and forlorn to shed tears of regret over it?

GROWTH OF DIRECT PRIMARY. It is the common opinion in Oregon that the direct primary is here to stay. Undoubtedly it will stay, with some changes and modifications that experience will suggest and require, but it is to be something more than a permanent method of nominating candidates to office in Oregon only, and is to be introduced elsewhere.

The remarkable spread of the direct primary movement has been much in evidence during the current week. Today in Illinois a direct primary law is to be tried for the first time. It covers nominations by all parties for every office, from United States Senator down, although the convention system has not been abandoned and the primary is merely to be considered the formal expression of the voters' preference.

In Pocatello, on Wednesday, the Idaho Republican Convention adopted the following resolution: We favor the enactment of a primary election law in which the election may be brought nearer the people.

The Republican party has always stood for the enlarged participation of the individual voice in public affairs. To this end, we pledge ourselves and our party in this state to the enactment of a wise and judicious primary election law, which will provide for the selection by direct vote of all candidates for office to be elected at the general election.

For more than three years Germany has had direct steamship service with the Mexican ports, and Great Britain has also enjoyed regular communication with that country. Theoretically these facilities might be expected to increase the trade and commerce of the preceding season.

000,000 bushels, and will equal one-third the crop of the entire world. A feature of this growing and wheat-growing region that is of interest, not to say concern, to the American people is that these provinces of Canada, acknowledging allegiance to Great Britain—Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Assiniboia—have already drawn to themselves 200,000 Americans, and it is freely predicted that it will not be long until 50 per cent of the people there will be of American birth or parentage.

Speculation as to the outcome of this feature of the occupation of Canada is rife. It may mean the growth of a republican empire to the north of us, the citizen-subjects of which give full and free allegiance to the British crown, and millions more are drifting that way.

THE TRANSPORTATION SHORTAGE. In no other line of industry is the upward swing of the pendulum of prosperity more noticeable than in the transportation business. On land and water alike there is scarcity of facilities for moving the enormous amount of freight offering, and the scarcity is daily becoming more pronounced.

To make estimates of sufficient accuracy, so that they will be of no shortcoming value, and at the same time have no abnormal amount of idle rolling stock on hand during the dull seasons, is a task which not infrequently overtaxes the abilities of both traffic and operating departments of the railroads.

The ocean situation presents an interesting study for the internationalist who professes to believe that foreign trade is actually hampered through lack of tonnage. With coastwise rates at abnormally high figures and an insufficient number of vessels to handle the business that is offering, there is a surplus of tonnage for the foreign trade at present rates.

President Roosevelt has sent his dollar to the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, and Governor Higginson has followed his example. That makes two dollars. However, another dollar is needed from you.

THE GREAT ONE-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN. ANY TRUST OR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CAUGHT TRYING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND WILL BE TAKEN OUT AND SHOT. DOLLARS OF THE COMMON PEOPLE RECEIVED GLADLY.

are losing again demonstrates that if we can supply at the proper prices the commodities which other countries are in need of, the facilities for shipping them will be forthcoming.

The Oregonian prints on this page a remarkable tribute to President Roosevelt from the New York World, an important Democratic newspaper. The World is not blinded by partisan bias. It understands the strong hold the President has on the American people, their unqualified trust in him and their belief that he has done more to procure important remedial legislation as President than any other could or would have done.

The sad death of Eli A. Gage, only son of Lyman J. Gage, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, closes the tragedy of a life of struggle and of disappointment in all its touch with its expression for a period of forty years. "Poor fellow," is the involuntary exclamation as we turn the last page in this stormy career.

A most remarkable and absolutely unique story of suddenly acquired wealth comes from the new State of Oklahoma. On land allotted to a negro 12 years old, the daughter of a freed slave, and his wife, a recently freed woman, the child is now receiving royalties from men operating the wells at a rate of \$237,000 a year.

Coquille and a few other Oregon towns, which were voted dry by their friends in the contiguous territory, manifest an inclination to vote otherwise. We just want to show that some things can be done as well as others.

T. W. Davenport, of Silverton, has just passed his 80th birthday. The Oregonian congratulates him and the community in which he has long been a prominent factor, upon the fact that "by reason of strength" he has been enabled to reach an age otherwise in excess of the old time limit fixed for human life.

Despite the Hartje, Thaw, Corey and other scandals, Pittsburgh millionaires are in great demand. Pay Templeton, the famous actress, has just married one; but it is rumored that it is merely a Pittsburgh marriage.

MR. ROOSEVELT AS AN ISSUE.

Democratic Tribute to the Achievements of the President. New York World (Dem.). "The Republicans intend that Mr. Roosevelt shall be the issue in the Congress campaign," complains the Buffalo Times.

It was inevitable that Mr. Roosevelt should be the issue in the Fall campaign, but how about 1908? Is it not almost certain that he will be the issue in the next Presidential campaign, if conditions continue as they now are?

Let us assume that the Democrats nominate Mr. Bryan on a platform demanding the curbing of corporations and the destruction of trusts and monopolies. Mr. Roosevelt has already appropriated these issues. In large measure he has made them his own.

Man Deceased as a Woman, Fillets. The Sons of Skidoo, composed of citizens born on the twenty-third of any month, has been organized in Waterbury, Conn. Defiance of those who scorn "23" has been demonstrated by a birthday dinner of 23 courses, served at 23 tables, July 23.

Mayor Jailed for Not Enforcing Law. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mayor Rose, of Kansas City, Kan., has been ordered by the State Supreme Court to relinquish his office and pay a fine of \$1000 for contempt of court.

The Poor Old Man. Kansas City Times. John D. is not a millionaire. Poor old man! So these tales were empty air. "I've not one-third of that, so there!" Poor old man!

Children of Nature. With countless number of coral orbs, The earth still makes the journey without end. Unless it be when their source returning Within the radiant bosom of the sun They shall expire. Their mystery Of boundless space and time! Whence they And why! The destiny that must be theirs, And what it means! Man's queries are in vain. Night's starry page of grandeur and of gloom, By some writ, reveals he signs to him, Except some syllables of their immense Careers—the children of infinity! James Armstrong.

PEARLS RULE JEWEL SALE.

Contest for Rare Necklaces and Brooches in Auction Rooms. New York Herald. The jewel sale at Christie's in London, did not disappoint those who expected it to be the most important event of the season at the well-known London auction rooms, and 375 items produced a total of £70,178 (\$350,890).

Mr. Drayton opened the bidding with £2300 (\$11,500), and £7000 (\$35,000). C. Thompson, of Agnew & Son, stepped in and remained to the end, though the final bid came from Mr. Holdway. Mr. Tannenbaum secured a pearl rope, composed of 121 pearls, for £750 (\$3,750).

The same property included many more pieces of considerable value, notably a five-row pearl necklace, for which Mr. Mallett bid £2250 (\$11,250); pair of fine cabochon emerald and diamond earrings, bought for £1250 (\$6,250) by Mr. Graham; an emerald and brilliant collet necklace, bought for £1250 (\$6,250) for £2000 (\$10,000) by Mrs. J. Phillips.

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SOME FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

First and foremost, all the world's news by Associated Press, special correspondents and members of the Oregonian staff, making the fullest and most complete record of any Pacific Coast newspaper.

STRANGE FREAK OF FICKLE FORTUNE. Down in Oklahoma oil was struck on the land of a lowly negro girl, the child of a former Creek slave, and she is now piling up wealth at the rate of nearly a quarter of a million a year.

"HAM" BURR, A NEW CREATION BY EDWARD W. TOWNSEND. The author of "Chimmie Fadden" has created a remarkably attractive American character in Hamilton Burr, a perfectly natural boy at a boarding school.

GENERAL GRANT AS A MAN BY GEORGE H. WILLIAMS. A most fascinating article on the military chieftain dealing entirely with his personal side; his strength and his weakness; his build; his character; his warm-heartedness and his imperitubility; his modesty and clean-mindedness; his friendships; and his devotion to those he loved.

MAKING BEARS TAKE THEIR OWN PICTURES. Here is an animal story—and a true one—without a parallel. Besides, it took place on the Pacific Coast. A well-known naturalist was commissioned to get a photograph of a bear in the wilds, so he rigged up a camera, a flashlight and a string for a trigger and away he went. How he did it is fully explained.

TOO FEW OREGON TROUT; TOO MANY ANGLERS. Reforms that genuine sportsmen propose in order that our much-strengthened troutery be stocked with speckled inhabitants. One plan is to license rods and use the money for game warden salaries.

THIS SUMMER'S BEAUTY SHOW AT NEWPORT. The season of 1906 at America's most fashionable resort is marked by the greatest array of feminine loveliness since the days of the "Miss America" contest.

A POCAHONTAS OF THE PACIFIC COAST. Glenn H. Banck, of Vancouver, tells the romantic story of a white man's friend in the Nez Perce war.

AUTOMOBILE RIDE TO MOUNT HOOD. Lewis Russell made the trip a few days ago, took several good pictures, which are reproduced, and describes the outing. There is room for improvement in the roads, but the scenery is matchless.

ELIZABETH NEGLECTS HER IRONING. The mistress of the ranch of the pointed firs runs away from home and spends the morning amid nature's greenery along the banks of Deep Leap. Her telling of the truancy is charming.

SWEET PEAS IN PORTLAND GARDENS. A little floral sermon, together with some interesting facts concerning this favorite flower and a bit of sweet philosophy.

WHEN JOE CHOATE BADGERED RUSSELL SAGE. It was in Sage's cross-examination in the suit brought by Laidlaw whom Sage used as a butt for his wit.

SUSAN CLEGG ON MINISTERIAL MONOLOGUES. She editors Mrs. Lathrop with remarks about what the minister could do to secure larger congregations and less discomfort among his parishioners.

HOW JAPANESE PUNISH THEIR CRIMINALS. Annie Laura Miller writes about the National penitentiary where prisoners are confined in a wooden building and draw one-third pay.

BEACHES ARE THRONGED WITH RECREATION SEEKERS. The Oregon and Washington beach resorts are now approaching their peak season. All of these seaside resorts are covered by the Oregonian, and news printed of people from Portland and the Northwest who are spending their vacations there.

SOCIETY, MUSIC AND DRAMATIC REVIEWS. Summer outings and outdoor parties make up the society news of the season. The dramatic has given many Portland hostesses the opportunity to plan and carry out plans of entertainment.

MANY PORTLAND GIRLS ARE CRACK SWIMMERS. First-class swimmers are devoted to Portland girls who are expert swimmers and whose feats in this sport are quite remarkable.

REAL ESTATE REVIEW OF THE WEEK. Portland's remarkable building growth is the theme of the weekly building and real estate review. The article is illustrated with photographs of some of Portland's handsome new dwellings.

SPORTING NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD. Two pages are devoted to the sporting news of the present and the world at large. Special articles by experts are included, and well-illustrated illustrations of current sporting events.

