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PORTLAND, MONDAY, SEPT. 16, 1912.

WATCHMAN, WHAT O' THE NIGHT?

The Oregonian has observed that the scum of the new political movement in Washington swiftly and unerringly rose to the surface in the recent boiling commotion at the soap-box prinominated can only be described adequately as being the limit. It is not and a little more, by the North Yakima Republic, a newspaper printed in the heart of Washington affairs, and therefore in an admirable position to know what is going forward. The Republic has a good deal to say on the subject. A paragraph will give a clear notion of the indignant editor's trend of thought:

Hodge for Governor, Falconer and Bryan or Congressmen at large; Landon, War-urton and Goodwin for district congres-ional candidates—The Lord preserve and ford or the second se messages of state that could not wait.

nd us? a are going to have a period of purity, sty and devotion to the people's cause e management of our public affairs, and is are the instruments chosen by the to give it to us. Now wouldn't that out?

trust plank, the initiative, minimum wage, woman suffrage, and a few others. The Oregonian can select at least forty planks—no child labor, one day's rest in seven, safety standard for wage earners, fair compensation for all improvements, personally industrial available to fail improvements, personally the used as in protection of all improvements, personally and the compensation for the sevent build and the compensation for all improvements, personally industrial available to fail improvements, personally the used as in the compensation for all improvements, personally the used as in the compensation for all improvements, personally the used as in the compensation for the provements, personally the used as in the compensation for the provements of the sevent the dust of the provements, personally the used as in the compensation for the provements of the provements, personally the dust of the other to fail improvements, personally the dust of the provements of the provement of the provements of the provement of t

mary, for the candidates who were bed at Aunt Della's quiet home, en- that while not excusable nevertheless nominated can only be described ade-quately as being the limit. It is not surprised to find that its opinion is that was in keeping with the simple that was in keeping with the simple No doubt the elder Boyce was per-

absent he would have hanged, course, whereas the husband is turned course, whereas the husband is turned at large with the stamp of partial ap-proval and approbation upon his foul deed.

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simulate life and that the "reproduc-tion" which he fancies he sees going on is nothing more than a species of existilization. Now Herbert Spencer maintained long ago that crystals were living things in a way. At least they exhibited many of the phenomena of life in his opinion, particularly that

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the People" you comment editorially in

raise its revenue principally from public service corporations, license fees, inheritances, or such other subjects as the Legislature or the people may think could best be handled by the State Tax Commission." No one who knows any-

Indicated not only by he display the constraint characterize and perform under the work of the multitude of the

majority of Bull Moosers of one state want.

The underlying difficulty with the Progressive party is that it is made up of conflicting and inharmonious elements, united only on the common ground of Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy, but drawn there by different motives. The Progressive party is composed of the following groups:

(1) Theodore Roosevelt.

(2) Candidates.

(3) The dissatisfied, restless, so-cialistic and unattached from the old parties, who stay nowhere long. (4) Men and women who think the

old parties are corrupt and decadent, and that progress is only to be had through a new party.

The Oregonian is willing to concede that the fourth group is the most nu-merous of all, and that its motives are not to be questioned, nor its reasons to be dismissed as unworthy thoughtful consideration. But it believes they have made a profound misin assuming without sufficient warrant that the Republican party is reactionary and inefficient, and in setting out to supersede and destroy it its transgressions and for its acceptance in some states of unworthy and selfish leaders. It is fortunate in the present great political crisis that intellect, probity and sanity, with

forceful and independent personality, Since the course of the Progressiva Party in the Nation has been to make sembly of 1907. This act did not recertain an overwhelming absolutely Democratic victory in November, and Multnomah County gave up attempting that the human intelligence has made other victories thereafter, unless the to collect it about a decade ago beforces that through tradition, conviction and long experience are hostile Some localities continued to levy the to the Democratic party again unite road tax with varied success, but it was and it need fear no more terrible caand restore to the Government sure probably invalidated by the county opguidance and stable policies,

It has often been said that there is now very little difference between the ad by British Columbia. In British Columbia the provincial Republican party and the Democratic or state taxes are levied direct-not through the county tax officials, as is party, either in character or in pur-If that should be so, it is some

thing not to be deplored, but to be commended, for it seems to be a guar-ernment levies and collects an income investigations. All he does is to put anty that in whichever party's hands the Government shall be reposed, there lects a personal property tax from after thoroughly sterilizing them, and will be careful and conservative direc. every person residing in an unorgan- await developments. To destroy any tion and fairly honest service. We as- ized district.

sume that not even the Progressives Municipalities derive local revenues will profess that the rank and file of from taxation of real property and their party are superior in morality, from licenses. They are permitted to also takes infinite pains to prevent any germs from slipping in unawares bership of the other parties. They have, however, claimed a deeper in-sight into the nature of the problems confronting the country, and a more collected in Vancouver. responsive moral and intellectual im pulse to solve them on a basis of social The graduated single tax amendment

and industrial justice. There are about sixty-four planks in

the National Progressive platform, and and franchises unlike anything imwith the larger part of them the aver. posed in British Columbia. No proviage cltizen, of whatever previous or present political faith, finds himself in as British Columbia collects. It does ment over some of them—such as the state and its exemption of personal of time Bastian's sediment is found mittee must vamouse.

herbs that, in dire emergency, will sus-

tain him. If there is game, big or small, the secret of possession is simple to him. The elements have no great terror for him, for he has learned to overcome the inconveniences of

The pity of the tragic death of three young men in Alaskan game haunts is that they were not remote from succor. It appears that they passed a stream that would have guided them to salt water and rescue had they followed its course. Instead, lacking that knowlman's safeguard, they stalked almiess ly about in an environment as dangerous and hopeless to them as that of a fish removed from water.

HOW THEY TAX IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

weather.

The following letter presents certain there was any direct mention of Basinquiries that are uppermost in the tian's views and experiments, but inminds of many persons who have been studying the tax issues now before the of discussion. The president, Profesvoters. The questions asked have been given importance by frequent references made to British Columbia by the the nature and origin of life were not Single Tax propagandists in Oregon: its transgressions and for its ac-tance in some states of unworthy selfish leaders. It is fortunate in present great political crisis that Democratic party has a leader of illect, probity and sanity, with a vealed religion, while Ray Lancaster thought it made little

The general poll tax was doubly rewhether they did or not. What he wanted was the truth. pealed by the Oregon Legislative As-Revealed religion has scented danger in pretty nearly every advance peal the road poll or head tax, cause it was practicably unenforcible

tion amendment adopted in 1910. ready.

The single tax has never been adopt.

lease of life from threatened destruction. It would be difficult for even the most timid plety to point out any

germs of life which his solutions

might contain surreptitiously he subjects them to high temperatures.

the shelf.

After they have stood awhile undiswould inflict preposterous special taxes on large land holdings, rights of way in them. In the first place a little sedithe horoscope.

ment collects at the bottom, which is no more than a deposit from the sol-

differenc

Bull Moose on the National com-

The mother of a light-weight bruiser, sent to San Quentin for the "unhappiness" they had brought her. Her son, of course, was not responsible for any of it.

but the peril has usually turned ou to be imaginary. No doubt revelation is just as true today as it ever was lamities than it has undergone al- brick schoolhouse about ready for oc-Like She, from the fire it cupancy.

always comes out brighter and more vigorous than before and takes a new sands of abused women ejaculate "Humph!'

> That gale Saturday must have been reflex action of atmospheric currents consequent upon the Colonel's depart.

ture. The Governor is now after the

"higher-ups," which, if may lead him out of sight. if continued,

Fifty carloads of clover seed in one item explain why the Yamhill banks are full of money.

Reports of excess of births of boys in the Northwest must mean war in

McCredie must get a dozen of Bill

SUPREME BOSSISM FOR COLONEL Such Is Charge Growing Out of (His)

Views on Delegates.

PORTLAND, Sept. 15 .- (To the Edi-

The idea of Burns as the habitat of cowboy and tinhorn is dispelled by erection of the large and handsome brick schoolhouse about ready for oc-cupancy. When a man has his wife arrested for staying out "after hours," thou-sands of abused women ejaculate produces a fruit that is not prickly like that of the horse chestnut.

When Brothers Own Jointly.

When Brothers Own Jointly. PORTLAND, Sept: 15.—(To the Edi-tor.)—1. Two brothers, both married, own a piece of property jointly, in-herited from the family estate. One of them has children, the other has not. The one without children dies, then what becomes of his interest? 2. Can a person who deeds a piece of property to a minor be appointed a custodian or administrator of said prop-erty? E, E,

Could not these double-deck cars be profitably used in Portland for the re-lief of congested traffic on both our

bridges and chief business streets? While on the subject of cars I will also say that the wheels of British cars are entirely built in, making it impos-sible to run over anything that may be struck by the car. C. B. PYE.

struck by the car.

Young Old Mald's Problem

Young Old Maid's Problem. PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(To the Edi-tor.)—In The Oregonian, September 5. appeared an article on the conditions which are causing so many women to shun the marines altar and choose the life of spinster. The article so accur-ately depicts the condition of the sver-increasing arms, of which I regret to say I am one, that I seek permission to add an earnest "amen" to the words of my sister writer. If the world at large had any idea of the average old maid's longing for a desirable husband, the prevalent feel-ing of derison would quickly change to pity. To live in privation, to strug-gie to overcome our natural motherly yellow date receiving a plurality of the party ghanles while asserts the right to reverse this statute at will and direct the delegates not to

obey. In the light of the Colonel's wisdom our law is very weak. Each Presi-dential candidate should be the supreme

vote at all. He persists in the doctrine that all delegates are traitors if they refuse to vote to unseat any delegate to whom he objects. His will is law: delegates have no responsibility but to