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DECEMBER 6.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES.

The Oregonian admits that Senator Forsaker, of Ohio, has it in his power to control a number of the Ohio delegates to the Republican National Convention, and thereby prevent Secretary Taft's unanimous endorsement. This is probably more than would have been admitted some time ago, while the Taft boomers claimed that Forsaker had very little influence in his own State, and that his opposition to certain administration measures, (notably the mastering out of certain colored troops) had deprived him of his strength with the voters. As a matter of fact, Secretary Taft's boom is dead and even the President, as announced in the dispatches, is no longer strenuous in his support. It is well for the Republican party that this is so, and as well for all concerned if the President refrains from attempting to coerce the Republican National Convention into being a mere machine to register his will. The big stick has been over worked and idolatry has had its run. The people approve of many things the President has done, and, were he serving his first term, there is no doubt he would be re-nominated. Secretary Taft was, in our judgment, the weakest man whom the president could have chosen for the nomination. He would have inherited all of the President's enemies, but by no means all of his friends. Some Democrats would vote for Roosevelt, but we have yet to hear of one who would choose Mr. Taft in preference to Mr. Bryan, and, in such States as New York and Indiana, where the labor organizations possess great strength, Mr. Taft would lose thousands of Republican votes. We believe the prosperity of the country depends, to some extent, upon the election of a Republican president. We have had but one experience with un-

controlled democracy since the civil war, and that was disastrous. The conservative element in the party was unable to control legislation, and the tariff law was so amended that it meant free raw material for the manufacturers in some lines and highly protected goods for the consumers, while the shadow of free silver caused men to hoard their gold until all doubt as to the money standard had passed away.

But that was fifteen years ago, and the great mass of voters need just as much instruction on the money question—should it be an issue, as they did in those days. There is every reason to believe the contest in 1908 will be close and bitter. Especially is this true in Oregon, where the Republicans are so disorganized as hardly to be worthy to be called a party, and the Democrats, under able leaders, stand prepared to take advantage of the many blunders of their opponents. The Republican party needs a man upon whom all will unite, and at the present time it appears as if Governor Hughes, of New York, would poll more Republican votes, especially in the States that may be doubtful, than any other whose name has been seriously connected with the Presidential nomination. He does not appear to have any machine heading for him, nor to allow any ambition he may entertain to interfere with his ideas of equal justice for all. He is making New York a model governor, and would doubtless carry the same ideas into the White House and stamp them upon his administration.

The statements of the banks of New York clearing house for the week ending November 30th, shows their reserve, including government deposits, to be 21.5 per cent, or 3 1/2 per cent below the legal requirement. Now the question is, if the banks are required to keep on hand twenty five per cent of the deposits, and have not done so, what have the bank examiners of that State been doing to compel the banks to comply with the law. The Merchants' National Bank of Portland paid out a much greater percentage of deposits before it closed its doors, and it appears evident that nothing but the aid of the general government has prevented the closing of the greater portion of the banks of New York City. In addition to Government aid the New York banks held millions of dollars of cash that belonged to their western correspondents and still hold a great portion of it. Under the circumstances the banks of Portland and the Northwest in general, have made a much better showing than the banks of New York.

It is nearly time for an "independent" paper to start in Columbia County. The campaign is coming on and the applicants for political preference will

be ready for the picking. As it was in the last campaign, so it will probably be this year. The so-called independent paper does not hesitate to take pay from both sides, though this year we imagine the old game will not work as smoothly as it has in the past.

OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, 1907.
The substantial condition of the Pacific Northwest is illustrated in a most convincing way by the wheat and flour shipments of the Columbia River and Puget Sound ports. For the ten months beginning January 1st and ending October 31st, there was exported from Portland and Puget Sound ports (including Seattle, Tacoma and Sound ports), a total of 8,891,480 bushels of wheat, and a total of 3,561,725 barrels of flour. The exact figures are: Portland—5,380,050 bu. wheat; 1,168,886 bbls. flour. Seattle, Tacoma and other Sound ports—3,511,430 bu. wheat; 2,392,840 bbls. flour.

The heavy movement of grain for the present year has been temporarily delayed by the financial situation, but is now on, and the month of November and December will make the record shipments of all history. There are 23 vessels in Portland harbor at this time, including steamers and sailing craft, and their principal cargo will be grain and flour. The equipment in Puget Sound ports is similar to that here. A few months more of necessity make the financial situation in this part of the United States better than it has ever been before, and in the face of figures such as these it is impossible for anyone to present a substantial reason for a continuance of the present inconvenience as to actual cash.

The live-stock industry has had a good year, the wool clip has been enormous, while fruit in 1907 has added to the wealth of Oregon and Washington at least 30 per cent more than during prosperous 1906. No figures are available on the dairy products of Washington, but Oregon has jumped from nothing ten years ago to \$5,000,000 five years ago, and \$17,000,000 during 1907. The progress in irrigation has never been so marked as during the ten months just past, both in government and private projects.

More home builders have come into the Pacific Northwest than ever before, one system of railroads reporting for Oregon points alone 239 colonists for every day between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Many of these new settlers have come into the State with from \$2,000 to \$30,000 and have invested it—the result will be a great increase in the productivity of both States. Building operations throughout Oregon and Washington have been without precedent, and the

sky scrapers, office buildings and apartment houses, the building of homes has led. More money has been placed in industrial plants and transportation facilities than through any other avenue. Wholesale and retail trade has been unparalleled, surpassing even the large sales of 1906, and this during the weeks when our banks all over the United States are paying in clearing house certificates.

The products of the farm and orchard are bringing the highest possible price, and that conditions will be normal and that substantial prosperity will reign here within the 90 days is absolutely assured, if people can only get into the habit of looking through optimistic glasses, and there is not a single sound reason why anyone should be pessimistic. How anyone can be other than confident it is impossible to conceive.

Good Cough Medicine For Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. E. Sturchev, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used any other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

Sail, Ho! Jack London

It is probable that Jack London will achieve as wide a reputation as a traveler and journalist as he has won as a novelist. Already he is well on his voyage around the world in his little sail-boat, Snark. The voyage itself is dramatic and perilous, for the crew of the little boat consists of only Jack London, his wife and a lone sailorman. Mr. London is seeing the strange places of the world at the instance of the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, in which publication soon will begin to appear his description of places and people, written at white heat, on the spot.

Beware of Frequent Colds

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

MEETING OF DAIRYMEN.

The business men of Portland are enthusiastically boosting the coming annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association (December 12-14) having subscribed \$1000 to defray the expenses to be incurred by the meeting in making it a success. They did this because they know that Oregon is sure to become one of the principal butter and cheese-producing states of the nation. The dairy industries during the past year have brought over \$17,000,000 into Oregon, and each year will show an increase; one prominent reason says it will grow 100 percent greater annually.

A few issues back the Homestead published the list of premiums to be awarded at the meeting and last week gave the program which has been prepared. We reprint the two following paragraphs for the benefit of all who may desire to make entries: "All exhibits of creamery butter must consist of not less than ten pounds, in tins, or quarts with plain wrappers; exhibits of dairy butter not less than four pounds, in plain wrappers; exhibits of American full cream cheese, not less than twenty pounds.

"No entry fee will be required, but all exhibitors who wish to compete for prizes will be required to become members of the association, the membership fee being \$1. All entries must be in place not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, December 12. Accompanying each creamery butter entry must be a statement giving the date of churning, number of pounds in the churning, kind of cream or raw cream used, kind of salt and color. Accompanying each dairy butter entry must be a statement setting forth the kind of separator used, number of cows in the herd, kind of salt and color used."

A Real Wonderland

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mount City, in the home of E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung trouble, by Houlton, Deer Island, Warren and Scapoose dealers. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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The Palsy of Congestion.

It is not alone freight rates that bring pained conditions to trade and commerce. The freight congestion brings the greater and longer enduring palsy and the railway interests, no less than commercial and manufacturing interest, are now appreciative of the fact.

Great and beneficial though the extension of railway facilities may be, and are, they have been physically and absolutely unable to comply with the demands of the wonderful development of all interests in the United States. Their officials frankly admit the fact, and are turning to the inland water ways as the means of relief from freight congestions than which there could be nothing more completely detrimental to trade and commerce.

The fact that President James J. Hill, of the Northern Pacific, and President Finley, of the Southern Railway, have accepted invitations to address the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, at its meeting at the New Willard, Washington, on December 4, 5, and 6—and will aid in the work of the Congress in bringing about a fixed national policy of inland waterway and harbor improvements, is in itself one of the strongest possible arguments in favor of the adoption of that policy by the Congress of the United States. The two gentlemen recognize the existence of a condition which the railways cannot meet, but which can only be met by the canalization of the inland waterways. It is a condition which the whole country has long appreciated; but a condition that can be made to pass away for all time by systematic work of inland waterway and harbor improvement, with annual appropriations in amounts that will insure continuous prosecution of the work, speedy completion and full relief from the palsy which freight congestions have brought about.

Badly Mixed Up

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth blood poison; and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by Houlton, Deer Island, Warren and Scapoose dealers. 50c and \$1.00.

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