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CERTITUDE

The editor of the Oregonian has distinctly outlined the policy of that paper in the coming State and Presidential campaigns. It will support President Roosevelt, if he is a nominee, but further than that it will do just as it sees fit. The rank and file of the party will be gratified to know that much is certain, and whoever has charge of the campaign will do well to rely entirely upon the merits of the candidates and the making of their good qualities known to the average voter.

So far as the matured crop of Oregon politicians is concerned, the Oregonian doubtless finds it hard to accord any of them very great or sincere praise. Generally it has been allied with the Simon faction, yet it has occasionally turned its batteries upon them, and it is no secret that Mr. Scott believed the Simon followers deliberately belated Senator Corbett in the interest of Simon's election to the United States Senate. There are, in fact, very few Republicans of any prominence in Oregon whom the Oregonian has not stigmatized in a manner to reflect upon its sincerity should it now support them for public office—the two notable exceptions, strangely enough, being Messrs. Furnish and Lowell.

The Oregonian is the greatest paper on the Pacific coast, and, in support of a sound principle, it has demonstrated its immense influence. It advocated the single gold standard in opposition to all the time serving politicians of both parties, and it has a right to glory in its victory. It has been the most potent factor in building up the State by making its resources widely known. The people owe a debt of gratitude to the great paper and they pay it cheerfully. Its course has brought it well deserved wealth and stability. If it desires to take a year off in politics or to make

perfect right to do so. But we are willing to bet a chinook salmon against a carp—and that's long odds—that when the battle is on Old Harvey will be in the thick of it, praising his friends and lambasting his enemies in the same old way.

THE HOLIDAYS

Tomorrow marks the end of the holiday season created by proclamation of Governor Chamberlain at the request of the bankers of the city of Portland. The Governor has been severely criticized for his course and held responsible for all its bad effects, yet it seems to us that he chose the lesser of two evils and would have been more severely censured had he refused to grant the holidays and his refusal had been followed by a determined run upon the banks, bringing widespread disaster to all the interests of the State. Time has been given the people for thought and to acquire information as to the cause and nature of the financial stringency, and, despite the efforts of a few who would profit by a prolongation of the present state of affairs, the people generally have become convinced that there is no reason whatever to anticipate any such prolonged depression as would exist were the country in a state of actual industrial collapse.

The causes of the panic are understood. The primary cause is dishonesty—manifested in get-rich-quick schemes of greater or lesser magnitude—from the Alton railroad deal to the many-corporation scheme of the Title Guaranty Bank in the city of Portland. President Roosevelt precipitated the crisis by his exposure of the big fish in the Wall street pond. This affected billions of dollars worth of stocks and bonds, and the foreign holders of these securities, realizing the inevitable, sold out at whatever price they could secure, and the payment of these balances drained the New York banks of their reserves, and in turn the New York banks refused to pay the sums due their Oregon correspondents. The banks of Portland, knowing that the handling of our immense crops would necessitate the withdrawal of more cash than they could supply if at the same time they were compelled to meet an unusual demand from their depositors, called upon the Governor to proclaim the holidays, and we believe the result demonstrates that the best thing has been done for all concerned. Money is flowing to the United States in vast sums. Railroad and other stocks have fallen so that Europeans are investing, and the wheat crop of the Inland Empire will put thirty millions of dollars in circulation in the next sixty days.

All that is needed is for people to go

fore these never-to-be-regretted holidays were created.

THE REVIEW AND RAINIER.

The Mist is glad to learn that it has been decided to continue the publication of the Rainier Review without intermission. Rainier is entitled to a good local paper, and one can be made to pay a reasonable return to a resident editor and manager. The only reason the editor of the Mist retired from the field was because he found it impossible to do justice to both papers, and for that reason unprofitable.

Rainier is having its dollest period at the present time. The prosperity of the town depends entirely upon lumber and kindred products, and, owing to many causes—chief of which is the rate bill—that industry is partially paralyzed. But this will not last. In due time the mills and camps will resume operations, and the big pay rolls will bring ready cash to those in business in the town, and new industries will increase the community's business and prosperity until it realizes the fondest hopes of the most enthusiastic citizens.

No community in the entire Northwest is better located for a manufacturing city than is Rainier. With a water front of two miles, paralleled by a railroad, on the banks of the greatest natural waterway of the continent, its future growth is assured. It depends, however, upon its present residents whether that growth shall slowly conform to the growth of the entire country, or whether it shall be facilitated by methods that have proved successful elsewhere—chief of which is the creation of a public spirit that will stop at no reasonable expense to beautify the town, improve its sanitary conditions, connect it by a good road with the fertile Nehalem Valley, and make its advantages and resources of the entire county known to all who have their thoughts turned westward. The great factors in accomplishing this work should be the local paper and the Commercial Club. The latter organization has started upon the second year of its career, under the most favorable auspices, and with assurance of a largely increased membership. We hope it will not lose sight of the main object of its existence, which is, first, last, and all the time to work for the growth and prosperity of the city.

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VITAL STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER.

Figures on Births, Deaths, Marriages and Contagious Diseases in Oregon.

Rats and bubonic plague take up almost all of the October report of the Oregon State Board of Health, just issued. The annual report will not be ready till some time in January.

The table of vital statistics for October, covering the entire state, contains something of peculiar interest. No one was born during October in the counties of Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Lincoln, Malheur, Sherman and Wheeler. On the other hand, no one died in six of these counties, namely, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Lincoln, Sherman, and Wheeler. Nor did any one die in the counties of Harney or Lake.

Multnomah County produced the largest crop of new citizens, to the number of 191, while Lane followed with 48 fresh arrivals, and Wasco reports 34 new arrivals via the stork special. Multnomah County had 166 deaths during the month, leaving a margin of 25 net gain by reason of births. Marion County stands second, with 33 deaths.

Of marriages Multnomah County reports 170, while Yamhill charges Cupid with 37 cases as next best. In Multnomah county there were 21 more babies born during the month than there were marriages, showing a record that France tries in vain. An epidemic of bashfulness seems to have swept over the counties of Clatsop, Clatskanie, Columbia, Curry, Gilliam, Jackson, Linn, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Washington and Wheeler for not one couple was married in these 14 counties during October. Clatsop county had 25 births, with no marriages, a record almost unique.

In Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties nothing happened. No one was born, died, sick or married for one whole month. The same thing is the case with Curry County, except one death, and with Lake, except 4 births. During the month there were throughout the state only 30 deaths from tuberculosis, a remarkable record; and only nine new cases were reported. Out of 114 cases of typhoid fever only nine died while out of 100 cases of diphtheria only one resulted fatally. There were 110 cases of measles and only two deaths. Out of 35 cases of smallpox none died, where a half a century ago the deaths from this disease were almost 100 per cent.

Counting totals, there were 509 births, 397 deaths (gain by births 112) and 407 marriages. On the whole the report for October is one that few places in the

OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

(Special Correspondence)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9th, 1907. The statement of the National Bank of Portland on December 3rd proved that they had ample cash—more than the most enthusiastic had anticipated. The same is true of banks throughout the State.

"30 chances to win—you can't lose" is the slogan of the Portland Commercial Club in its final work connected with the \$5000 prize contest closing Dec. 31st. People in general seem engrossed with the financial conditions, and their neglect makes the chances of those who do compete even more pronounced.

The Oregon apple has captured the Orient and Russia, Yadgjozon Bros., of Vladivostok, after making a display in one of the principal show windows of the city, removed the display and after it was crowned and surrounded with American and Russian flags was photographed for international advertising. Thus the glory of the Oregon apple goes around the world. The display was unusual because most of the boxes were shown ready for shipment, each enclosed in burlap. Varieties of apples included the Winter Banana, Ortley, Hyde's King and Arkansas Black.

October and November statistics for wheat and flour shipments from Portland and Puget Sound ports are particularly interesting as showing the immense resources being converted into actual cash in Oregon. 7,434,691 bushels of wheat and 640,012 barrels of flour are the exact figures, yet it must be remembered that the crop is only just getting under way in earnest.

During the two months of Fall colonist rates, Sept. 1st to Oct. 31st, the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad sold 8,081 homeseekers' tickets to the Northwest, which was an increase of 2,817 over last year's business, or more than 50 per cent.

The meeting of Oregon business men at the Portland Commercial Club on the 1st, followed by the announcement of Governor Chamberlain that the present holidays would be discontinued after the 14th, have been the most discussed events of the week. That the representatives from forty communities should unanimously unite in resolutions forcefully expressing confidence in the outlook and financial strength of the entire state is in itself indicative of constantly bettering conditions.

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

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