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It has been over thirty years since the Oregon Mist was founded and it is quite probable that since that date the subscription list has never been revised. There are some persons on the list who have been running nearly that long and nothing to show that they ever paid any money for it. There are also numbers of names on the list running from a year in advance to twenty years in arrears. To get our list revised and straightened out, and to send the paper only to those people who want it and want it bad enough to pay \$1.50 per year for it, we have engaged a competent newspaper man to go over the lists and figure out each account and the amount due from each. He is now out in the county and will call on each one of you whose account does not show that you have paid for your paper. There may be mistakes, and no doubt there are many of them, but the only way to get them straight is to call on you and have a personal talk with you. It is our desire to keep every subscriber that we have and to add several hundred more, and we are going to give you the best service that can be had; but we must have money to run the paper and we must have subscribers who will pay for the paper. So when Mr. Bell calls on you, treat him kindly and give him your subscription to the Mist. It will be appreciated by us very much and we will reciprocate by giving you the very best paper that can be gotten out at the County Seat, containing all the important happenings and local items, as well as country correspondence. We want a good live correspondent from every neighborhood in the county and if you know of one, have him write to us and we will make arrangements to get the news from your own home and print it.

Last week a petition circulator from Portland was in St. Helens getting signatures to the Initiative Bill for the abolishment of Capital Punishment. His argument in favor of the bill was that it would restrict the pardoning power so that if a man be convicted of a capital crime it would be a very hard matter to be pardoned and that it would require a lot of red tape to get through. A reading of the bill as proposed, after the section providing that the penalty for murder shall be imprisonment for life instead of hanging, says that no pardon shall be granted unless upon the recommendation of the trial judge, or his successor. That is the entire restriction placed upon the governor's pardoning power, which is practically in effect at this time.

So it would seem that the object is to abolish capital punishment. If the Governor and others who are advocating the doing away with the death penalty, would provide that no pardon should be granted to a murderer at all or under any circumstances it would go a long way toward getting the bill through, but under the present plan, simply to get the recommendation of the trial judge, or his successor, it does not seem that the people will ratify the bill unless the majority are just simply against capital punishment from conscientious scruples alone. So far as the restriction to the pardoning power goes, in the proposed bill, it amounts to nothing.

Some of the theories of the Socialist party were put into actual practice last Sunday at St. Helens. About 400 of the followers of the Red Flag from Portland chartered the Joseph Kellogg and came to St. Helens for an

outing, dance and spell binding affair. They rented the skating rink for a dance and held a basket dinner and picnic in the Oasis Park Grove, adjoining the St. Helens Base Ball Park. When the game of ball was called between St. Helens and Kelso League teams, several hundred of the socialists crowded along on top of the fence until it was about to collapse. Manager Wilkins went around there and invited them inside the grounds and told them if they did not have the price of admission that they would be admitted free, but that the fence would not hold them. Then it was that Socialism was so beautifully demonstrated. They got down from the fence and as soon as Mr. Wilkins returned to the gate, these good government theorists and advocates commenced to willfully tear off the boards and throw down the fence. Just such actions as these will no doubt make many converts to their political cause.

Bumper crops and prevailing good prices are expected to put the farmers of the Pacific Northwest in high good humor this Fall and, through him, the three states are expected to prosper as never before. Every indication is for big yields in all the staple products and for some prices will be very high.

The biggest wheat crop ever harvested is predicted for Oregon, Washington and Idaho and it is thought the yield will reach 70,000,000 bushels, worth \$52,500,000. Oats are expected to add \$18,675,000 to the farmer's bank roll and barley \$9,900,000 more. Fruit marketed this Fall and Winter will add \$15,000,000 to this new wealth and hay the neat sum of \$55,390,000. The wool crop is estimated to be worth \$6,600,000, and hops \$4,650,000. This is a total income for the producers of the three states of almost \$150,000,000. If the manufactured products were added to the wealth of the soil, it is probable the total would fall not far below \$500,000,000 for the year.

The first great dairy show ever held west of the Rocky Mountains is scheduled for Portland November 18-25. It is officered by prominent dairymen and livestock growers of the West, with an advisory committee representing many eastern states as well. From present indications, there will be the greatest display of dairy stock, dairy products and dairy machinery ever assembled on the Pacific Slope. There will also be a big sale of dairy cattle at the show and the executive committee has adopted the rule that everything offered for sale must be guaranteed against tuberculosis for three months after the sale.

Portland will have a big apple show next winter. The time has been fixed tentatively as the last

week in November. Business men of the Rose City are now working on the details. Good prizes will be offered and it is expected to make the affair a big success. It will be under the general direction of the State Horticultural Society and business interests and commercial bodies will co-operate fully.

Orders for approximately 50,000 feet have been placed with mills of Oregon and Washington to supply material for new equipment for the Harriman lines in this territory. The traffic officials are preparing for the new crop season by ordering 8,200 box cars and 56 cabooses to be distributed over the Union Pacific, O. W. R. & N., Southern Pacific and Oregon Short Line roads.

For the first time in its history the famous battleship Oregon is to visit its own state. During the Elks reunion, in July, the historic old fighting ship will be brought to Portland harbor, where it will be much admired by all loyal Oregonians. Naval officials have at last given their consent to the request that the Oregon be brought here.

The following well written editorial is from the New York Times of Saturday:

"This country is not without experience with third parties. Some of them have done good; some of them have wrought havoc and confusion. The former have had a real moral sentiment to inspire them and leaders of real worth and sincerity to guide them. The latter have been the outcome of discontent—in some cases justified—manipulated by unscrupulous demagogues.

"The first third party movement of importance in its effect on the progress of the nation was the Free Soil movement in 1848, which soon merged with a like movement of the Conscience Whigs and led, in the swift evolution of the political life of that period, to the success of the Republican party in 1860. After the close of the Civil war a few able and conscientious men, joined by factional leaders of less worthy type, organized the Liberal Republican movement which culminated in the ridiculous candidacy of Mr. Greeley. A few years after the Populist movement came into being, which had considerable indirect influence on the course of the main parties, especially with reference to the vital issue of free silver and the continuance of paper money. In 1882 to 1884 came the Independent or Mugwump movement, which, though avoiding separate nominations, had the practical effect of a third party, and resulted in the election of Mr. Cleveland in 1884 and 1892. A like movement in the Democratic party in 1896, carried further toward separation, brought about the election of McKinley and Roosevelt, which was its avowed purpose.

"Of these, the split in the Democratic and Whig parties that produced the Republican party, that in the Republican party which led to

the election of Mr. Cleveland, and that in the Democratic party which preceded the election of Mr. McKinley were genuine independent movements based on substantial issues and led by able and sincere men. The populist and Free Silver movement was a dangerous type of the achievement of demagogues working on ignorance, prejudice and passion.

"To which class does the third party threatened by Mr. Roosevelt belong? In all its main features, to the latter; in impudent, inconsistent, hypocritical and deceitful pretension, to the former. Undoubtedly, and it is a fact to be borne in mind by his opponents, Mr. Roosevelt is supported by a large portion of his followers in the Republican party and of his admirers in the Democratic party because they think he is an able and sincere foe of unjust privilege. As a matter of fact, he is the reverse. He has been the tool and the beneficiary of privilege, has stubbornly refused to fight it when had place and power, has been politically its beneficiary, and has 'eaten from the hand' of the interests that have waxed fat and strong on privilege. So far as he makes his appeal to the people on his hostility to privilege, it is unworthy, disingenuous and shameful. But he goes far beyond this. He is not content with presenting himself as the champion of the really wronged, despite the fact that he has helped to wrong them; he makes his appeal to a sense of moral wrong, and seeks to stir the passions of the ignorant. He aims particularly to arouse the sentiment of lawlessness among those who resent the wholesome restraints of the law. He strikes deliberately and cunningly at the courts, and summons to his banner those who long to subordinate and overrule the courts. And this, indeed, is in reality the only individual and original contribution he has made to the motley mass of revolutionary ideas and aims he has sought to utilize.

"In spirit and intent and in methods, Mr. Roosevelt's third party movement is different from all that have preceded it, and worse than any. In recklessness and shallowness it resembles the Populist and Free Silver movement, but it lacks the sincerity of that, and it includes his own leadership, which is of a far lower and worse sort than the earlier movement produced. What claim can it have on the support of reasonable and upright men? What can it promise of actual betterment in our public life? It ignores the tariff, the very fountain and origin of the worst and most pervasive evils of privilege. It is tainted with affiliation with the interests that have corrupted politics for years. It is handicapped by the domination of an ambitious, unscrupulous, tricky politician on whose use of the power to which he aspires no limits of reason or conscience would be imposed."

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