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Let us have an Oregon World's Fair convention.

Portland's census will not be given anti-fat at Washington.

Portland's great exposition is delighting and instructing thousands.

Never before has the adjournment of congress called from the people such a deluge of thanks.

Another commission for the selection of a naval station is now in the northwest. Portland should again show her qualifications.

The carpenter's union in Spokane Falls has been completely disrupted in consequence of its silly and utterly indefensible abandonment of work on the exposition building.

It takes such a wretched census as that given us by Porter and his narrow gauge clerks to make us fully realize the meaning of the phrase: "Countless thousands mourn."

An eastern editor speaks of the Yellowstone as "an obscure western stream." If he would get into it as Robert Ray Hamilton did the stream would not be the thing obscured.

It is stated that the census has been "admirably done," and as this comes from the highest authority—the census office itself—we are compelled to accept it, notwithstanding Oregon's twenty-five per cent. shortage.

Even in ancient times Nehemiah was regarded as a great prophet, but it was not until the year of grace 1890 that the full significance of the following was realized:

Now the city was large and great; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.—Neh. VII, 4.

The trouble with the pictures of the "Grant monument as it will appear when completed," is that modern carriages, railroads and steamboats are shown, when only vehicles should appear that will be in use when it is "completed"—a century hence.

The census office admits that Portland's plumpness is not due to padding. This is equivalent to admitting that the leanness of the remainder of the state can not be charged to anything but artificial reduction by the census, and emphasizes our demand for a new count.

There is no politics in the movement for reform in the matter of taxation and assessment in Oregon. Progressive men of all parties see the necessity of it, and the worst thing that could happen would be for some over zealous individual to seek to give the movement a political complexion.

Already the Oregon State Board of Commerce has demonstrated the necessity for its existence. Its possibilities for good are unlimited; but it

should take hold of the World's Fair matter in a more practical manner than by passing resolutions, which is equivalent to passing the matter itself.

Those who favor the usury law would object to a similar limitation upon the price of wheat, and yet wheat is but one commodity while money is the representative of them all and the medium of exchange between them, and should be the freest of all from any restrictions upon its use.

The movement started in Walla Walla to have the Washington legislature create an "arbor day" is a commendable one. Such a day, properly observed, will, as the years go by, create a great change in the appearance of the treeless portion of the state, and, possibly, in its climate as well.

With both the *Charleston* and *San Francisco* cruising along our coast the people of the Pacific slope will breathe just a little easier when Blaine begins to feel his oats a trifle too much; but we will want half a dozen more of them before we can pat him on the back with any degree of enthusiasm.

There has been a great falling off in immigration of the desirable sort this year and a still greater increase of the undesirable. If no other cure can be found for this evil, immigration of all kinds should be stopped for at least a sufficiently long time for us to make good citizens of those we now have.

To show of what worthless stuff political platforms are made, a certain assemblage recently condemned in one breath the extravagance of congress and in the next demanded a large appropriation for the Columbia river, something we succeed in getting only when congress has its seven league boots on.

The more the Barrundia matter is investigated the less lurid is the glare of Minister Mizer's fame. Holding an office because of a political pull, he has brought disgrace upon his country by his officiousness and poltroonery, and he should be promptly replaced by a man who will better uphold the honor and dignity of his country.

Germany and England are taking possession of Africa in the name of civilization, and are fostering the slave trade in the name of trade. Germany has just officially given the traffic its protection in Zanzibar and England is accused of winking at it among the English traders in her dominions, notwithstanding the pretentious efforts she has made in the past to stop the traffic.

New York is going to build the Grant monument on the installment plan. The money on hand will be spent in building a quarter of it, and then a subscription list will be sent "thundering down the ages" for the other three quarters. Grant's great words, "Let us have peace" have been taken literally by the poverty oppressed residents of Gotham, and they are going to give it—a piece of a monument.

The small bore clerks at the census office have asserted their brief authority, and Oregon must suffer. But she is not alone in this, as it is only too evident that the entire census is unreliable and valueless. Bad as Oregon's census is, the clerks may speak truly when they say it is "as good as the rest," thus discrediting the entire census. Porter's effort to hunt elephants with pop guns has produced the inevitable result.

English papers affect to believe that politics are very corrupt in America and frequently allude to the subject slurringly and contemptuously. Yet it is true that never in this country has a political party so corruptly used the power of the government in all its branches, including the civil and criminal courts, to achieve political ends, as is constantly being witnessed in England; and especially repulsive to our American sense of honor have been the prosecutions before conscienceless judges and packed juries of Parnell and his associate workers for home rule in Ireland.

In their outrage of the very essence of liberty in the Barry case, Judge Lawler, of San Francisco, and the judges of the California supreme court, have more than earned all the contempt they claimed Barry to have been guilty of. If the principle is to be established in this country, or if, having been established, it is to be maintained, that, no matter how corrupt a judge may be, an individual can not call attention to that corruption without subjecting himself to summary punishment at the hands of the corrupt judge himself, then it is time the voice of a liberty-loving people be raised in indignant protests, and their votes be so cast that such an outrageous principle shall utterly disappear, and with it the corrupt and despotic judges that find in it their refuge and their strength.