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ADVERTISING RATES REASONABLE.

Sherman, the Rep. candidate for Vice President is not well enough known to size him up, but we should not condemn him because he hails from New York. Just remember that as good come out of Nazareth in ancient times, so Roosevelt came out of New York to-day.

With all his great ability and usual sagacity, Senator Fulton seems not to realize that he was knocked out by butting statement No. 1, but continues to butt it. It is a stone wall that will harden as his head softens with each whack he gives it. We hope he will save his head for better uses.

Senator Fulton covered himself with glory by his masterful work on the floor of the Chicago Convention when by his tact, vigilance and resourcefulness, he kept down the stampede to Teddy, and quickly squelched every attempt to defeat Taft's nomination. He is the best floor-fighter and parliamentarian in the country.

The Oregon Agricultural College which is our greatest institution of learning next to our Common School, turned out this year 85 graduates. We can easily spare our State University and Normal schools, but our Common School is the foundation, and the Agricultural College is the crown of our educational system.

The new independent party which Hearst and others are organizing will hold its convention later in June and nominate a presidential ticket, and it is said that La Follette will accept the nomination, which will make the election a guessing proposition, for La Follette will surely carry some of the Northern states which Taft cannot afford to lose. Bryan's chances are thereby enhanced.

According to late reports the Harriman interests have killed George Gould's dream of a great transcontinental railway from ocean to ocean. Gould evidently got squeezed by the late banker-made panic, and has been permitted to live by signing an unconditional surrender. They seem to know not, that the faster their combines grow, the faster the day will come when the American people, who are greater than all other combines, will likewise squeeze all would be rivals and force an unconditional surrender.

The Republican Convention adopted a good platform as far as it goes. The Currency and Injunction planks are however weak and meaningless, but they point the right way. In voting down a plank in favor of electing U.S. Senators by vote of the people, they blundered like blind men who did not realize the seriousness of the situation before them. It is all right if our Senate become a concave of unprincipled millionaires, that our people will either put the Senate out of existence or change the manner of electing them.

The overwhelming vote in the convention—over 800 majority against the plank, may defeat the party, if the Democratic party is wise enough to take the opposite side and cease shouting for a "Tariff for revenue".

Secretary C. H. Marsh, of the Pendleton Commercial Association is enthusiastic over his city and Umatilla County, and advises that his soliciting committee will not cease their efforts until they have secured \$5,000 to give publicity to the resources and advantages of the County.

Keep the Balance Up.

It has been truthfully said that any disturbance of the even balance of health causes serious trouble. Nobody can be too careful to keep this balance up. When people begin to lose appetite, or to get tired easily, the least impudence brings on sickness, weakness, or debility. The system needs a tonic, craves it and should not be denied it. The best tonic of which we have any knowledge is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What this medicine has done in keeping healthy people healthy, in keeping up the even balance of health, gives it the same distinction as a preventive that it enjoys as a cure. Its early use has illustrated the wisdom of the old saying that a stitch in time saves nine. Take Hood's for appetite strength and endurance.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Editor TRIBUNE.—In the Hyde Benson trial at Washington City, a letter from Benson to his Washington agent has been unearthed in which it has been stated that active operations of the gang must be suspended until after Commissioner Hermann is out and his successor is in! Just how the Hyde-Benson conspirators learned so far in advance that Hermann had been slated to "go," the letter does not disclose. And how does all this harmonize with the insinuation that Hermann was in league with the brace of monumental thieves, Hyde and Benson?

U. S. District Atty. Roick up in Idaho has just been removed at the command of Senator Borah whose indictment for timber frauds Roick had secured, and by this action the country is reminded afresh of the fate of District Attorney Addison C Gibbs whose head fell in response to the hysterical appeal of Harvey Scott who telegraphed: "For heaven's sake have Gibbs removed or he will have every leading Republican in Multnomah county in the penitentiary!"

It will be remembered that in 1870 Ben Halliday was financing the machine with a view to landing himself in the U. S. Senate, and that the rawest frauds possible to be imagined and that Prosecutor Gibbs, poor, simple, honest soul, with no sufficient comprehension of the demands of practical politics, had procured many indictments.

The Oregonian very properly characterizes the hue and cry against Taft as his reference in his memorial address to Grant's earlier career, as hypocrisy and cant; but that paper is in error in stating that Gen. Rawlins had vigorously urged Grant at Vicksburg to cease indulgence in intoxicants. It was Gen. McPherson, one of his aids.

Snappy Squibs.

The motto has been restored to the coins, but no report has been of anyone refusing the old brand.

A Congressional commission is going to inquire how boys may be kept on the farm. They'll stay if the girls will.

Many congressmen are anxious to get away from Washington, but more of them are worried about getting back next winter.

"The Japanese have not been alarmed by Congressman Hobson's war talk," says the Tokio Gazette. They must know him over there.

"Fiddlin' Bob Taylor of Tennessee made his maiden speech in the closing days of the senate. He naturally attacked the president's "big stick" policy with a fiddlestick.

Denver is arranging a provisional hospital for the democratic national convention. Denver knows what to expect when a democratic crowd gets mixed up.

Taft has heard The Peoples' Voice.

Washington, June 16.—It is understood here today that Secretary Taft has wired Manager Frank H. Hitchcock to stand firmly in favor of the anti-injunction plank in spite of the demonstration today and the vigorous campaign of the National Manufacturers' association.

Roosevelt no doubt poked him in the ribs and bade him, listen!

Taft tells that the American canal workers have put quite a dent in Panama.

Bellingham, Wash., June 16.—Eggleston, a shingle weaver at the Puget Sound Mills and Timber Company was shot and killed, by his wife at their home here this morning.

For some time Eggleston has been dependent. He was paying for his house on the installment plan. He has often made the threat that if he lost his home he would shoot himself his wife and his children.

This morning he was more dependent than usual. He took down his rifle and tried to shoot the woman. The gun failed to go off and he went to the room where his children were sleeping and got some cartridges for it.

Then the wife grappled with him in the attempt to save herself and children. By this time Eggleston had laid the gun on the table.

The man's superior strength soon began to tell against the woman. She grabbed a small 22 caliber revolver, and just as he was about to overcome her she fired. The shot struck the man just below the heart. She fired again and this shot penetrated his abdomen. He died instantly.

Will Draw two Salaries.

Frank W. Benson, governor of Oregon and secretary of state. That is the way he will read after the election of 1909, has elected Geo. E. Chamberlain United States Senator and he has resigned his office of governor to assume the duties of senatorship.

According to the constitution of Oregon the office of governor falls to the secretary of state, in case the regularly elected governor for any reasons other than the expiration of his term, should cease the functions of his office. Therefore when Governor Chamberlain steps out of the governor's office to assume the senatorial toga by virtue of the legislature's election in January, Frank W. Benson, secretary of state, will become by that fact the acting governor of Oregon.

Secretary Benson will be one of the few men to hold both offices in the history of Oregon. He will also be entitled to the salary of governor as well as that due him as secretary of state.

Once before in the history of Oregon did a secretary become acting governor when secretary Chadwick succeeded to the governorship upon the election of Gov. Grover to a seat in the United States Senate. During that time the question was raised and taken to the supreme court, which tribunal decided that once the secretary of state was, under the constitution, ex-officio governor, and transacted the business of that office he should be entitled to compensation.

Upon the election of Governor Chamberlain to the senate, and his consequent resignation as governor, he will leave a vacancy in the gubernatorial chair until the January following the general election of November, 1911.

Governor Chamberlain will not be compelled to quit the governor's office until time for him to take the oath of office as senator on March 4, 1909. Therefore it is probable that he will serve as governor or until close to March 4 of next year, thus remaining in the executive chair during the legislative session of 1909.

Secretary of State Benson therefore will be acting governor of the state from about March, 1909, until January, 1911 following the November election of 1910.—Ex.

When Battle Ships Will Be Obsolete.

Nikola Tesla has indulged in a flight of scientific fancy, as the laymen will declare, in which he predicts the time when a war-fleet of the formidable hull dogs of the sea may be swamped by artificially produced tidal waves. The tidal wave is to be created by the explosion of a lot of nitro-glycerin at sea; the effects of it, as the eminent Italian scientist plans, will be such as to entirely revolutionize the naval warfare of the civilized world. A writer in Technical World Magazine tells of the process, which we summarize as follows:

"It may be assumed," remarks Mr. Tesla, "that thirty tons of nitro-glycerin compound to be employed to create the tidal disturbance. This material, weighing about as much as water, can be stored in a cubical tank eight feet each way, or in a spherical vessel ten feet in diameter. The water is incompressible. The explosion propagates through the compound at a speed of 3 miles a second so that the whole mass will be converted into gas before the water can appreciably affect it.

The gaseous pressure against the surrounding water will be 20,000 atmospheres or 140 tons to the square inch. Twenty-five million tons of water will be raised one foot, or a smaller quantity to correspondingly greater elevation. The height and length of the wave will be determined by depth of which the disturbance originated. Opening in the center like a volcano, the great hollows will belch forth ice.

To say this is an age of wizards so, even in our credulity, we refrain from the phrase so far as engulfing the navy of Nikola Tesla is concerned. But in reviewing the marvelous accomplishments of science in the past few years, one of which, that of wireless telegraphy, can we say that the dream on hand is iridescent and a wild promise? Who will have the temerity to so assert?

This is an important matter, if true it demands serious consideration at a time when the civilized world has arrived at the conclusion that it is necessary to expend a considerable of its wealth and energy in the construction of battleships. Of a surety this tidal wave business is cheaper than the construction of monster sea-fighters; and its effectiveness—well, we will leave that to the prophetic soundness of Mr. Tesla, as it may be demonstrated. If this be proved, it must follow that the navy of the future will lack utility as fighting arm for the preservation of peace unless that navy shall be amphibious.—Telegram.

In 1790 Galvani, thinking from the twitching of frog's muscles that he had discovered the secret of life experimented till he had made a battery, though he did not know it as such, this being demonstrated later by Volta, who originated the Voltaic pile, composed of alternate layers of copper and zinc separated by a cloth moistened in an acid solution. The scientists dropped the friction machine and studied the cell battery, on the theory that the body itself was a voltaic pile, and life a manifestation of electricity. In 1820 Oersted discovered between magnetism and electricity, and in 1831 Faraday discovered the principle of Voltaic induction, which gave rise to the alternating current. Then followed the dynamo, and then—the telegraph, the telephone, the arc and incandescent light, the electric motor car, and the multitude of electrical adaptations—which are perhaps only a beginning of what future generations will see, use and have the benefit of.—Journal.

G. W. Hume is one of the largest operators and owners of lumber, milling and cannery properties on the coast and is reputed to be in command of resources amounting from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. He is diversified, and his properties located all up and down the coast. He is a resident of San Francisco.—Ex.

Portland, Oregon, June 15th, 1908.—While cyclones and floods are visiting the south, east and middle west, and the rising waters are destroying millions of dollars worth of farm and city, Oregon has been enjoying beautiful weather, delicious fruit, and looking forward with the confidence inspired by assured crops this fall.

Portland lumbermen will meet tonight at the Commercial club to arrange for a big excursion to Coos Bay. Conventions will be held at Marshfield June 22 and Bandon the 24th.

The Oregon Humane Society have installed nine ornamental drinking fountains at various in the city. In addition to the regulation drinking cups, places are provided for dogs and horses. Eight of these fountains were presented by people of Portland, while the ninth is the gift of the National Humane Society of New York, who have presented similar fountains to different cities in the United States.

The housewarming of the Portland Commercial Club in its new eight story steel home, which was held last Friday night, brought about a large and enthusiastic crowd of prominent citizens, and it was probably the happiest event that has occurred in this city since the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The daily rose show in the lobby of the Chamber of Commerce draws thousands of visitors, while at the Commercial Club huge bunches are furnished each day by different members of the club for the decoration of the rooms. Oregon City has occupied the center of the stage during the last week with an especially successful Rose Show and carnival.

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