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JUST THE COUNTING REMAINS.

As election day draws near it becomes more certain that the Republican party is going to be continued in power by the expressed desire of an immense majority of voters. The people had made up their minds before the shouting and the hurraing of the campaign began. Recently, under the questions of canvassing committees from both great national parties, they have revealed their minds. Every Republican will vote for Roosevelt, no matter what local disturbances affect his ticket. Many who were Democrats before 1896 will vote for Roosevelt, although, naturally, they say little about their intention, and a very large number of independents have openly declared for him.

The fact is that the Democratic party has shown inability to manage the affairs of the nation. Its weakness was so conspicuously displayed when it was last in power that hosts of men became convinced that it no longer represented any branch or contingent of the intelligent people of the United States. The free silver craze of 1896 and 1900 completed the wreck of a once idolized party fetish. Thousands of old-time Democrats, thousands of young men with Democratic affiliations, deserted the ancient standard and came into the life and vigor of Republicans. There they remain.

The election next week will show that the men who joined the party of honest money in 1896 and in 1900 have resolved to support the party of honest money, or national prosperity, of sound, virile activity, in the work of international improvements, of a dignified, strong foreign policy, of protection to American citizens at home and abroad, of equal opportunities and justice to all without regard to race, color or religion.

It will reveal the earnest devotion of hundreds of thousands of first voters to the principles of Republicanism.

Inefficiency, uncertainty, division in council, these do not command the interest and good will of the American people. The little coterie under the wing of David B. Hill in New York is going to have a great object lesson in the near future.

The country is safe in the hands of the Republican party. Roosevelt and Fairbanks are typical Republicans. Their indorsement, by an immense majority, is certain.

THE ROOT ADMINISTRATION.

Some people seem to have an idea that in order to be properly prepared for war, and that under an administration in which the possibility of war is recognized, the national expenditures will swell abnormally. Even if this were so, it is less expensive to be ready for war than to get ready for it in a hurry, for in the latter circumstances human life is likely to be wasted, and that is worse than heavy taxes. But the administration of the War Department by Elihu Root is a lesson which all economists should read.

Mr. Root reorganized that department on a business basis; he weeded out all the ineffective and superfluous stuff in it, whether it was red tape, extra departments or poor clerks, and there is more work done for the money in the War Department to-day than ever before. To say this of Mr. Root is not exactly discrediting his predecessors in office, for some of them were very able men. But the fact remains that under those who were not able, or not unselfishly devoted to their business, the department had gotten into a condition in which it needed a house cleaning, and it takes a very able man to do that sort of work.

It was just because Mr. Root recognized the fact that if the War Department was to be of any use to the country the need might

come suddenly, that he was so determined to have no waste space in it anywhere. If it were merely ornamental, unbusinesslike management would be less a calamity. The country can now have the satisfaction of knowing that whatever money it spends on the machinery of war is not wasted in Washington, or anywhere else.

It's been about two years ago that Central Oregon was thrown into a fever of excitement by the announcement that the Columbia Southern would let the contract for the first twenty miles of its extension on the first day of August, 1902. That wasn't the first grievance, but the people took it. About a year ago the Bend Bulletin had a premature spasm over another announcement that the C. S. would push its line into Crook county, but that, too, in time passed quietly away. Just now the Columbia Southern is looked upon as a dead horse so far as Central Oregon is concerned and the bait is put on hooks in other quarters. From every direction, north, south, east and west railroad rumors are the cause of much railroad building on paper, but it doesn't seem to get much farther. Nearly every newspaper in the interior portion of the state has a pet railroad of its own and it builds that road in type with all the diligence ascribed to the country press. It's hard to believe that this portion of the state is to be forever made the butt of railroad jokes and sometime, perhaps, fond hope will be realized and Central Oregon will have the laugh on the other fellow. Anyway it does not seem right for the other side to have the fun all the time.

The registration in Greater New York during the first two days, and in fact throughout all the cities of the Empire State, shows that the voters of that State intend to beat all previous records on election day, and this showing made by New York City and New York State should be equalled by every State in the Union. The Republicans throughout the land should see to it that Mr. Roosevelt is not only elected by a handsome majority both on the popular vote and in the electoral college, but that such an overwhelming defeat should be administered to Mr. Parker and the Democratic party as to rebuke any future attempt of that party to put forth a candidate without convictions and without the courage to go before the country upon any issue of the day.

After three years of patient research, two professors of Geneva, Switzerland, have discovered a new anesthetic which promises to revolutionize the practice of dentistry. Finding that the system was influenced by colored light, the professors soon perceived after experimenting with each hue that blue had an extraordinary effect on the nerves. It is said that a tooth may be painlessly extracted with none of the after effects of the system by shutting up the patient in a dark room and exposing his eyes to a blue light of 16 candle-power for three minutes, causing him to lose all sense of pain, although at the same time retaining his senses.

A rabbit and a goat, which have been kept in one of the zoological gardens in New York City for several years, got into the same cage the other day and a fight ensued. Brother Billy tried to vanquish his opponent by ramming the little animal through the side of the cage, but the rabbit nimbly leaped on the goat's back and severed an artery in his neck. It's a wise hare that knows its own butter.

There is evidence of there being a great slump in the turkey market around Boston this Thanksgiving. The Christian Scientists in that neighborhood are imagining they have neither appetites nor taste for turkey and cranberry sauce which accounts for the fowl being out of grace in that region this year.

General Kutropatkin again telegraphs that he has the situation well in hand. It hasn't been long since a similar telegram to his Czar Nicholas was followed by Kuro getting it in the neck.

It begins to look as if the Russian admiral commanding the second Pacific squadron will Rojstevenski moreski homeski and then quitski, that is if John Bull has his way.

Most of the striking telephone girls in Portland have gone to hell—oing again.

What's become of the "mid-winter fair" that was promised long suffering Crook?

Socialist Column

That there are evils and abuses innumerable of which the people complain—some of them have been called to the attention of The Journal who would so far lay aside their prejudice and deign to read anything smacking of socialism.

We feel the weight of the oppressor's grip at all times and places. For the sugar that is put in the teat to appease the hunger of the new born babe, we pay tribute to the sugar trust; for the machinery that raises the bread for the children the plows, the harrows, the harvesters, the threshers, the shovel that digs the grave, the hearse that carries the corpse to its last resting place, the relatives who come to pay the last tribute of respect to the dead, if they pay passage on the cars, pay tribute to the steel trust.

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There is plenty of everything in the land for all if it was properly distributed. Incomputable quantities of food stuffs and cloth-

ing material are each year, each month shipped by commercial greed to the other lands, while unnumbered thousands of our own people go hungry and cold. That these conditions exist, no one can deny.

"There is no effect without cause." Let us lay aside our partizan prejudice and see if we can't unearth the cause, or causes, of the present deplorable state of affairs.

"O," it is said, "we have prosperous times." Yes, it is prosperous times for a few at the expense of the many. What profit is it to us, who toil from year to year, to make both ends meet; scrimp, save, half fed, half clad that Rockefeller, Rogers & Co. are prosperous?

The prime cause of the present condition of affairs is the Republican juggernaut that has been grinding the producers of wealth, the laborers, under its wheels for the past forty years. The conditions have been helped along by the Democratic donkey cart, traveling along after the Republican band wagon, picking up and endorsing and adopting from time to time what the Republicans dropped by the wayside.

Those whom you have voted into office, place and power have legislated this state of affairs upon us. Is it probable or reasonable to suppose that by voting the same set of shysters or others who are tied to the wheels of the Republican or Democratic band wagons the conditions will be changed? It would be as sensible to select a jury of horse thieves to try a horse thief with the expectation of conviction as to expect relief by electing either Roosevelt or Parker.

I heard a bleary eyed, tin horn gambler assert not long since that Roosevelt was his man, that he was the greatest man who ever lived, etc. Now what great things did he, Roosevelt, ever do? I believe he once shot a Spaniard in the back, surrendered to the money power and holds the Philippines as neither "flesh, fish nor fowl," but as some nondescript for the benefit of the exploiters.

And what can be expected of Parker? A cold blooded judge who would hold the world up on a technicality until starvation would come before the decision. He would claim a wrong once established is right, because it is law; government by injunction is right because of established precedents. He would probably use the army to suppress laborers because Cleveland did.

Go ahead, you blind voting machines, you are enjoying what you have voted for in the past and you will get exactly what you shall vote for in the future. The world is turning, has turned, so that the sun of Socialism is in sight. "None are so blind as those who will not see." K.

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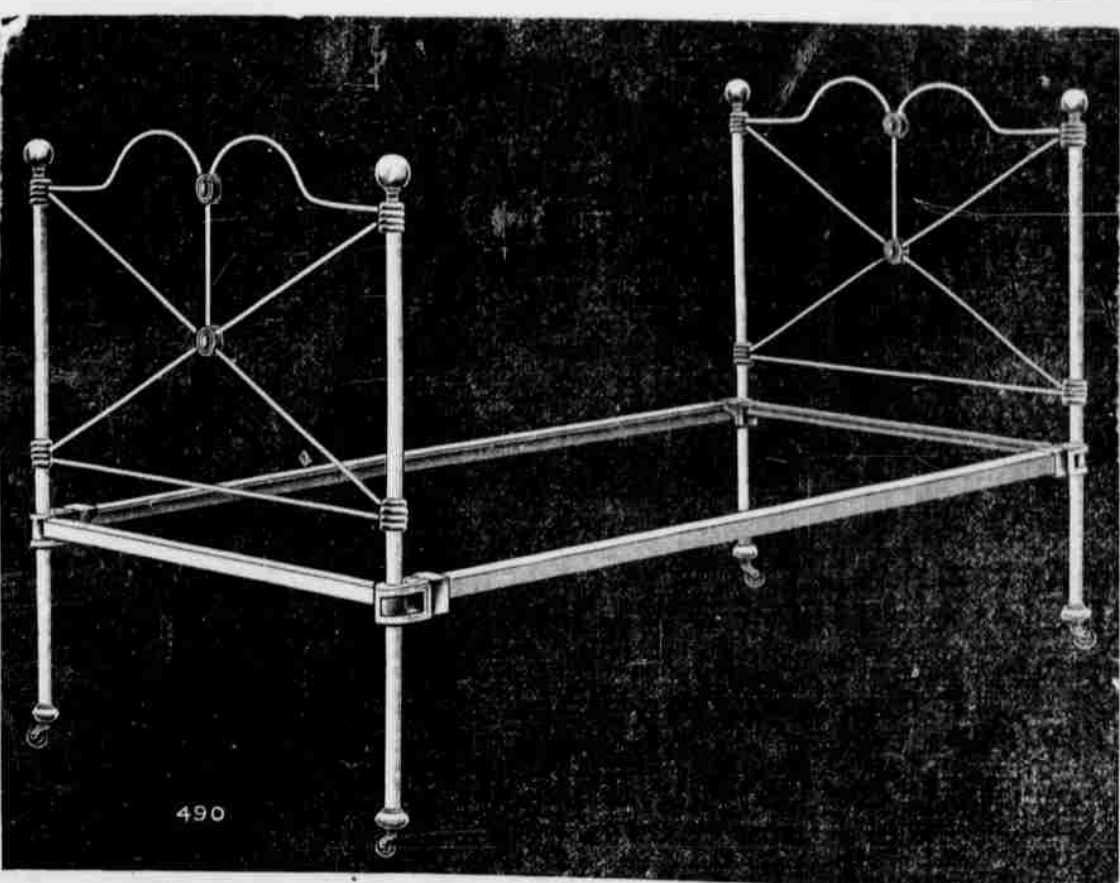
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