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ANOTHER SPASM.

With all due reverence to the venerable editor of the Portland Oregonian, and with courteous respect to the views the gentleman would have the people think prevails in his mind, we can not refrain from commenting upon the editorial that appeared in the Monday morning edition, in which an attempt was again made to belittle the past and future reform movements, that have created such widespread and deserved comment, ever growing with the telling results brought about by their introduction. This editorial starts off with an open acknowledgment of events that cast their shadows in the following manner:

More U'Renism for Oregon.
"As if the things we have in government were not the fruits of long experience and tested wisdom, Mr. U'Ren, the Oregon City 'lawgiver,' is out again with a new batch of innovations and 'reforms.'" These latest changes would supplant in essential principles what is left of the present Oregon constitution. With little knowledge of the history and processes that produced the old constitution, and with but slight respect for the governmental methods that our ancestors evolved from painful and even bloody striving, Mr. U'Ren now proposes to set them virtually all aside in his plan of "progressive" government. If this be progress, then experience might as well not be written.

"Oregon has suffered enough already without being encumbered further with the U'Ren system. Progress in this state should be in the direction of return to old-fashioned methods rather than toward new-fangled notions. The world has always abounded with innovators, thinking themselves reformers. But there is very little new or untried in government, and chances should be made slowly, not by wholesale innovation like this now proposed for Oregon. This state has departed already from too many established landmarks of republican government. The city of Portland, leading the state, has found it necessary to revert to representative political assembly or convention, in order to correct evils of direct primaries, defenders of initiative and referendum, viewing with alarm the dissatisfaction that has resulted from inevitable abuse of those innovations, are calling halt to those who would invoke them and are offering to let the Legislature first pass upon initiative measures."

"Oregon's old constitution was a nice balance of political and governmental forces. It set up a more satisfactory system of government than Oregon will have again in many a day. Changes have disturbed the balance and now new troubles and abuses are generated by the new changes. The majority party finds itself unable to express its will and elect holders of the highest offices—those who direct the policies of the state at home and in the Nation. Taxpayers find themselves unable to elect best-fitted men to fill local offices, or even to nominate such men. Every majority or cranky doctrine can be brought up one election after another, to disturb affairs of government."

"The grave fault of all U'Renism is that the system panders to minorities at the expense of majority rule. As government, at base and in effect, is majority rule, U'Renism has exerted very disturbing influence. Those who howl loudest for it are minority political elements, whose designs have been advanced by it—Democrats, Socialists, Prohibitionists, certain 'reform' factions, disgruntled Republican contingents, and various sets of minority interests whose hope of representation in Legislative Assemblies lies now in proportional representation. All these elements will, of course, support these new dispensations of U'Renism."

The grave trouble with the venerable editor is shown plainly in the emphasized words above. "Changes have disturbed the balance." The balance once rested in one or perhaps a very few, the breaking of the bonds came with the adoption of the Australian ballot, and slowly but surely have the people adopted plans by which they have very largely succeeded in placing the BALANCE in their own hands. "Pandering to minorities" is very evidently what this "reform or progressive" government was doing and from the majorities that have rolled up as each reform was introduced, attempt to crawl from the minority.

the Oregonian, one must concede the death struggle of that paper in its attempt to crawl from the minority. The progressive movement had succeeded by majorities up to ten to one, and is to-day in power.

There is one paramount question before the people of Oregon today, which is simply shall the power be wrested from the few and placed in the hands of the people where it rightfully belongs, and the Oregonian has lost sight of this one fact that it is the people who are making this great and successful fight, not U'Ren, he may be the instrument through whom with his colleagues, the people are forcing their wishes to an issue. Mr. U'Ren is indeed a mighty strong instrument through which such a medium should pass, but it is the voice of the people and they have seen fit to wage this war. They have been successful in each instance against the dominant power of ring politicians and well the Oregonian knows that with the taste of freedom from misrule will come a further and more united effort to put into effect forms of government allowing a fuller and better representation of the people. Its wall is like the beating of a sheep lost from the flock in the mountain fastness, the lion snared in the tough nets of the trapper, quite harmlessly snarling and biting at its captors, truly a "Disgruntled Republican."

Take It Seriously.

Conservation is an old subject brought into prominence because of necessity. It originated in the Garden of Eden when God commanded our first parents to "Be faithful and multiply—and replenish the earth, and subdue it." Since that time man has held the stewardship of conservation. But the spirit of waste and extravagance has entered upon the scene and many have neglected to obey the primal command to "replenish the earth." The result has been a call for a general conservation Congress to organize the conservationists of the entire country, and effect general organization.

Those engaged in every avenue of industry in the West should be particularly interested in the conservation movement. It means the preservation, protection and perpetuation of all natural resources for the present and future generations. It means the calling of a halt to waste in every field and the right use of all that Nature has bestowed upon man, without endangering any of the existing industries, and the holding in reserve of the many forces to insure prosperity for coming generations.

The lumber operator desires to conserve his business, and hand in down to posterity. To do this necessitates the introduction of a system of reforestation and proper use of all the timber now standing. Similar arguments apply to all who till the soil and handle its numerous products.

Conservation in the West should be encouraged and practiced while there are gifts of Nature to conserve. The mountains and valleys present ideal scenic attractions, the benefits of which should never be lost. The soil has all the plant foods of ages stored within its surface strata which should be preserved through wise methods of cultivation that good crops may be assured for the present and for future years. The reservoirs of water should not be disturbed in order that an abundance of water may be had for domestic and irrigation purposes now and in the time to come.

The conservation of Oregon's resources will be discussed fully at Portland by the Oregon Conservation Commission, which will hold its convention on August 30. Gifted Pinchot, head of the forestry service, will be the principal speaker and will discuss the various phases of conservation in Oregon. He is thoroughly familiar with the situation here, having studied it in connection with his forestry work.

Since the commission was organized, much has been accomplished in protecting natural resources. Water power and land have been saved to the state. It is expected that much good will result in furthering this work by the forthcoming convention. Citizens from the whole state are invited to attend.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has repaid 40 per cent on the \$350,000 bonded indebtedness, which indicates that it will quit with money in the treasury. With the steadily growing attendance, its receipts are increasing right along. By the end of the week, the 2,000,000 mark will have been passed. Two months more remain for the show to continue, which makes it certain that as many more people will see it. There are three big days ahead. There are Concessionaire Day, Seattle Day and Taft Half million are expected on these three days. The daily average now exceeds 25,000 so that the fair is exceeding all expectations from an

attendance standpoint. This is due to the fact that it pleases everyone. Knocks are so scarce that it seems the hammer has become an obsolete playing.

ON PARADE

We have read somewhere that President Taft is to visit the west and will pass through Oregon late in October. His tour of the states which will cost the people twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars is generally looked upon as thoroughly proper if not wholly essential and everybody is supposed, for policy sake, to bubble over and say amen, as this visit will be of the greatest benefit, (to one man). His keen observations, while passing through the fertile Willamette Valley, will all be jotted down, and when he has returned to Washington and the golf links, we will have dished up to us just what we need—all sorts of congress—and so will Washington state and California, where particular attention will no doubt be paid to a more satisfactory whack-up of the rain clouds.

Yes, Oregon needs Taft's attention, as most states do, that happen to be on the map of the United States. And some of this reasonably be devoted, not to a pleasure trip for a good fellow shake in the great centers of population, but to a more devoutly important question of "who's who, and why?" in Washington.

Working in conjunction with the boards of health in the various states through which it passes, the Great Northern Railway has adopted the vacuum cleaning method to safeguard the health of its patrons. Electricity operated machines are carried on all passenger cars by means of which the dirt is removed without raising any dust. The device is mounted on wheels and taken from car to car. Special attachments are provided for taking the dust from hangings, upholstery and every corner, so that the coaches are always as clean and sparkling as a new pin. From a sanitary standpoint, this cleaning method is the best yet discovered.

The report of the National Conservation Commission of 1908, showing the reckless manner in which our natural resources are being wasted, finds an echo in a bulletin (No. 394) just issued by the United States Geological Survey, in which are reprinted the papers on mineral resources contributed by members of that Survey to the conservation report. The data on which these papers are based were not obtained especially for the occasion, but were taken from the files of the Survey, where they had been accumulating for years. Taken together they present a state of affairs that may well awaken reflection.

It seems to me that the Democratic party contains within itself and should welcome and embrace all of those whose sympathies are in the main, with the Democracy, and not impose too narrow or too dogmatic standards of Democracy, which will tend to disintegrate that great party of the people and make its future success impossible.

The first duty of a patriotic minority is to become a majority and write its principles into the laws.—From the speech of Senator Owen of Oklahoma.

The merchants of Oregon City have not been doing their share of advertising in their home papers since the first of the year, which is evident from a mere glance at the home papers. The people throughout the country wish to know where to trade and in looking over the columns of the papers it occurs to us that they would readily be induced to buy goods from stores that carry advertisements in their home papers. There is no excuse for such a lot of progressive merchants not advertising.

The rattle and clanking noises which some of our town "bus wagons" make is enough to drive one crazy. Its carrying matters beyond reason when they hitch one of those gasoline tubs up with a lumber wagon and go rattling about the paved streets.

THAT LEGAL FENCE.

Editor Courier:—
Please advise through the columns of your paper what a legal fence is in Clackamas County.

Yours truly,
GEO. KALB, Aurora, Or.
Briefly, a legal fence must be four feet six inches high that will hold stock.

A lawful fence shall not be less than four feet six inches high from the surface of the ground, and the same shall be constructed of rails or poles laid up in the manner commonly known as worm fence, with states and riders, or in lieu thereof, to have the corners locked with rails, posts or poles; in short this fence can be constructed of poles, posts, pickets, wall of stone, turf and earth, or the same with poles, thorn brush, etc., woven wire. All pickets, embankments, streams, lakes, ponds or other natural obstructions, if equally secure against the trespass of any domestic animal, or shall be made so by artificial means, shall be deemed lawful fences.

What is Best for Indigestion?
Mr. A. Robinson, of Drummond, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Jones Drug Company.

IRONPORT at Soda Springs. Satisfaction third's desire. Good for girls also for boys. Men like it; women crave it; children cry for it.

The longest telephone span in the world crosses Lake Wallenstadt, in Switzerland, the steel towers supporting the wire nearly 5,000 feet apart.

Electric Bitters

Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE. It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

METHOD OF ENTRY TOLD

Judge Witten Issues Directions for Winners.

Spokane, Aug. 18.—Judge James Witten has made an official statement as to the manner of making entry on Indian reservation lands.

All persons to whom numbers have been assigned, which entitle them to make entry of Coeur d'Alene, Flathead or Spokane reservations, will be notified of the date when they must make their filings next spring, and they will be furnished with a map showing all allotted and reserved lands and the classification and appraisal of each tract subject to entry.

When selections begin, next April a copy of this map will be posted in the land office, the tracts being checked off as fast as chosen. When an applicant's name is called, none but himself and one friend or adviser shall be permitted to enter the room or to inspect the official map until his choice is made. All persons holding notices that numbers have been assigned them may go on the reserve to inspect the land at any time; but they are assured that they may rely with reasonable safety on the government commission's report as to the nature of the land, and are not necessarily required to examine it themselves.

Weston to Repeat His Walk.

New York, Aug. 18.—Edward Payson Weston, 70 years old, who recently walked from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,895 miles, in 105 days, has just returned to New York and announces that next Spring, when he will be 71 years old, he will start again to walk to the Pacific Coast.

WILL KEEP UP THE FIGHT

Ballinger and Pinchot Meet at Trans-Mississippi Congress.

Denver, Aug. 18.—Every subject that in any way can be connected with the commercial, industrial and agricultural growth of the West, from the Panama Canal to scientific dry farming, was discussed in Denver this week at sessions of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress. Between 5,000 and 7,000 delegates are in attendance. The congress convened Monday, although the real work was not taken up until Tuesday.

One of the features of the congress was the renewal of the struggle between Secretary Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot.

Ten Persons Killed in Train Crash.
Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 15.—Ten persons are dead and others are expected to die, between 40 and 50 are injured, as the result of a head-on collision between two Denver & Rio Grand trains, 13 miles north of this city, Saturday morning.

Many Settlers for Montana.
Billings, Mont., Aug. 17.—Reports received at the headquarters of the Dry Farming Congress, which will hold its fourth session in this city October 26-28 next, indicate that about 5,000 homestead entries have been filed in Montana during the first six months of 1909.

Spanish Rebels Shot.
Paris, Aug. 16.—Advices from Corbier, near the Spanish frontier, say that 25 persons were shot in the Montjuich fortress at Barcelona for their participation in the revolt. Five gendarmes were killed in a fight with revolutionists.

Highest Point in History Reached.
New York, Aug. 16.—Union Pacific stocks made a new high record in the market when the top figure of 219 was reached today.

HAVE YOU NAMED IT YET?
Several of our subscribers have requested that the Courier publish again the full and complete list of the names of the farms together with the letters written in connection therewith to the Courier and they will be found in this issue on page three. In this connection we would request that any who have rural homes whose letter does not appear herewith and who have not named their farm that they at once select a good name for their farm and write the Courier a letter. We intend to do considerable more with this farm name proposition and we would like to make the list one hundred, so get at it at once and send your farm name to the Courier.

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NOTICE TO THRESHERMEN.

The Courier has published and has on sale some very handy order books with time pages attached, for the use of Threshermen. Already several Threshermen throughout the county have called for these books and have expressed themselves as finding the books just what they need to not only have a signed order from their customers, but also to have a handy time record for men in their employ. Call at the Courier and get one of these handy record books.

Is Britain Losing Grip?
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Where is Your Hair?

In your comb? Why so? Is not the head a much better place for it? Better keep what is left where it belongs! Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, quickly stops falling hair. There is not a particle of doubt about it. We speak very positively about this, for we know. Does not change the color of the hair.

Formula with each bottle. Show it to your doctor. Ask him about it, then do as he says.

Indeed, the one great leading feature of our new Hair Vigor may well be said to be this—it stops falling hair. Then it goes one step further—it aids nature in restoring the hair and scalp to a healthy condition. Ask for "the new kind."

Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

The attendance at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition during the past week broke all local records for a like period.

Prominent financiers and business men of New York are preparing to launch a majority boom for J. Pierpont Morgan to oppose Tammany Hall.

A severe earthquake occurred in Central Japan Saturday afternoon. Railroad communication was interrupted, many were injured, and it is feared many people were killed.

Harry K. Thaw was returned to Matewan Wednesday, Justice Mills having signed the formal order committing him to that institution.

With the election of officers, the selection of Pueblo, Colo., as the next meeting place, the passage of resolutions commending both the efforts of Pinchot and Newell in the forestry and reclamation bureaus, the 17th National Irrigation Congress came to an adjournment at Spokane Friday.

The annual congress of the American Prison Association began in Seattle Saturday night with 200 delegates present, among them some of the most distinguished advocates of prison reform in the United States, Canada and Cuba.

Ascertaining after eight years of married life that his wife was a negro, Alfred Haberman, of Columbus, O., shot her and himself, both being fatally injured.

A reunion of veteran soldiers of the northwest, to take place in Spokane in the summer of 1910, is being planned by Grand Army men of Spokane.

Wool importations into the United States in the last fiscal year amounted to 266,500,000 pounds, the largest recorded during any year except 1908.

With the change of management of the Salt Lake Herald, the Democrats lose their only daily paper.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., was destroyed by fire last week. Mrs. Parkhurst, the great English suffragette leader, will make a trip to the United States to deliver a series of addresses.

Frederick Van Dusen has arrived from the American lodge of Masons of England bearing a jewel to President Taft, in celebration of the fact that he has been elected an honorary member of that lodge.

Strikers in Sweden are resorting to the use of dynamite.

Dispatches from Persia say that, despite his protests, Ahmed Ali Mirza, the 11-year-old Shah of Persia, will be officially married soon and that his household is now being arranged.

Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000.

Three lives were lost, many persons were injured, houses were set on fire by lightning and crops were damaged heavily Saturday in the severest storm that has swept Chicago for months.



SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.

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Portland Business College

"THE SCHOOL OF QUALITY"

Tenth and Morrison, Portland, Oregon. A. P. Armstrong, LL.B., Principal. Old in years, new in methods, admittedly the high-standard commercial school of the Northwest. Open all the year. More calls for help than we can meet—position certain. Class and individual instruction. Bookkeeping from written forms and by office practice. Shorthand that excels in every respect. Special penmanship department. Write for illustrated catalogue.

RUIN OF OUR ROADS

America, woefully in the rear of progress in rock surfacing her highways had built less than 30,000 miles of macadam roads out of a total mileage of 2,100,000 when from the many realms of invention came a combined machine and blessing in the shape of the motor car.

This modern chariot of gasoline, with fat, wind stuffed tires was quickly derided by such near sighted folk as are unable to identify a blessing if it comes at all disguised, but highway engineers while appreciating its civilizing influences, soon discovered that the new machine was an enemy to all hard surfaced highways and that those responsible for them were confronted by the greatest problem they had ever been called upon to face.

The reason is plain when understood. Under the passing of wagons equipped with iron tires the surface rock is being constantly fractured; the tiny dust particles so formed lifting their way into the interstices and being packed firmer and firmer in place by rains and traffic, finally forming a cemented, banded, impervious, water shedding shell. When in its highest state of perfection the rock from which such road is formed must be so suited to the character and volume of traffic which passes over it that the amount of dust formed will be only sufficient to replace that which is taken away by wind and rain.

Automobiles came and the troubles of the engineers began. The motor car did more of the helpful things that an iron tired wagon does. Proceeding as they usually do at a high rate of speed they lift the dust binding surface and send it swirling away, while the soft rubber tires crush no rock to supply that which they strip from the highways.

Much stress has been laid upon the effect of the car body and its share in lifting dust from the road surface. Some experiments seem to furnish convincing proof that but little dust is taken from the roads by this means, though the dust lifted by the wheels is greatly accelerated by the action of the car body and the air currents set up in its rear. This must be considered an important factor, as much of the dust lifted by the wheels would not be carried from the road but for the air currents developed by its shape. From "To Save Our Roads from Our Motors," in September Technical World Magazine.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Never Known to Fail.

I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy since it was first introduced to the public in 1872, and have never found one instant where a cure was not speedily effected by its use. I have been a commercial traveler for eighteen years, and never start out on a trip without this, my faithful friend," says H. S. Nicholas of Oakland, Ind. Ter. For sale by Jones Drug Company.

Only about eight per cent of the heat energy in a pound of coal is turned into useful energy at the flywheel in a steam power plant.

Stealing electricity in Colorado is punishable by a fine of \$50 and imprisonment for 30 days.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidneys will attack the vital organs, causing death of the bladder, lungs, etc., or sores in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickly by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and swelling pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to urinate many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Do not make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell you something in place of Swamp-Root if you do you will be disappointed.

For Permanent Relief Take

HERBINE

HERBINE acts directly on the Liver. It will cure CONSTIPATION, DYSPEPSIA, BILIOUSNESS, MALARIA AND CHILLS. It is entirely free from all poisonous mineral substances, and is composed solely of LIFE-GIVING HERBS. It is adapted for weak and weary constitutions; strengthens the weakened glands and organs; it checks all derangements of the body. "Try a bottle to-day."

Fifty Cents a Bottle. Avoid All Substitutes.

Ballard Snow Liniment Co., JAMES F. BALLARD, Proprietor, ST. LOUIS, MO., U. S. A.

Sold and Recommended by

The Jones Drug Company, Inc.

1909 Nearly Half Gone

And you have not yet opened that Bank account, that you have been promising yourself that you would. You have been neglecting one of the essentials to your life's happiness and success in this delay. Do not put off this important matter any longer, but NOW, RIGHT NOW, take the step that will surely lead to success in life. You will never save unless you make a start, and if you wait, until you have a large sum the time may never come and the start never be made. Remember that a small beginning sometimes makes a large ending. Do not put it off any longer but make your first deposit today and we will help you save

The Bank of Oregon City