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The new Oregon town named Taft will be a hummer if it ever takes on the proportions of the big secretary.

The wage paid to laboring men is much greater now than a few years ago, but it will not buy more; and in many cases not so much.

The Crown Prince of Sweden, who said that "All American women are pretty, but some are prettier than others," must have visited Oregon City in disguise some time in the past.

With Japanese bonds selling at 80 cents on the dollar it don't look much like a yellow peril for any nation with a strong financial standing. But there are people who would never come in to public notice except as prophets of some dire evil.

With Bryan and Taft hurling shafts of rhetoric at each other from safe distances it may be safely said that the campaign of 1908 has begun. And the funny part of it all is that if these two men were to meet they would prove as chummy as first cousins.

This is the way the Salem Journal editor puts himself on record: "The horse editor, being somewhat inclined to democracy, hereby expresses his individual choice for president of the United States—George E. Chamberlain. His second choice is for Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, and his third selection is "Our George."

Word is being passed along the line that Eastern Washington railroads refuse to accept orders for cars from independent grain buyers and insist that orders must come from warehouse managers. Mr. Roosevelt can't be everywhere at once but if he will bring that big stick out this way he will find much against which to swing it while here.

The Pinkertons have a bill for \$29,000 charged in the expense of the trial of Haywood. Seems a very heavy expense for the State to pay for the persecution of a labor organization, at the behest of the rich mine owners. But then, the State is always asked to bear the expense for holding any mean advantage which a rich corporation wishes to continue against the rightful owners—the people.

Here is the answer to the charge that the President by insisting that the railways deal honestly with the people, was destroying the railway property of the country, and incidentally destroying legitimate values: "Increase of \$1,700,000 in the earnings of the Denver & Rio Grande would not be worthy of note if it did not cover the year during which the Administration is charged with doing its utmost to destroy railroads."

People with guns should be careful where they shoot. One man in the southern part of the State recently shot a boy because he "thought" he was going to raid his melon patch. The boy was able to demonstrate that he was on a business errand and the man was heartily ashamed of himself. Had the boy been killed the result would have been the same. It is not enough that one thinks—they should know in most cases before they shoot.

The average citizen need not worry when stocks go down on Wall street. The enterprises represented are just as valuable whether prices are up or down; when down the watered product does not show up so well. Fact is, if there could be some scheme devised for taking all the water out of railroads it would be a blessed thing for the country at large, and would simply put the gamblers who hold the watered stocks back to the place from which they started, when they were more honest than they now are.

The agricultural college and technical school of Wisconsin has accomplished wonders in finding out scientific facts regarding growing crops, etc. The latest sensation from that institution is the discovery of a spray that will destroy weeds and at the same time prove a stimulant to growing crops. The discovery was made end. And Statement No. 1, though it months ago but it was only recently that data covering its successful use was given the public. The solution is a vote of the people of the State at the election which chose him.

## PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR HOMES.

The government has been enriched to the tune of \$1,500,000 the past year by sales of federal lands in Oregon alone—Exchange.

Right here is the root of the whole evil. It is entirely wrong for the government to be enriched in any such way. The public domain is not for such a purpose; i. e. the enrichment of the government, or the taking from the shoulders of industry any part of the tax burden. The business of the country is able to bear all just expense of its operation, and that without holding up, at the outset of his career, a man who wishes to make a home for himself and family.

The man who wants to make a home for himself should be given a slice of the public domain, so long as there is any public domain, on condition that he will make a home of it. And only such safeguards should be thrown around that promise as will ensure the fulfillment of it. And whether or not the land be timber or prairie it should be given on those conditions and those conditions only. If timber, the timber properly managed ought to pay for the clearing of the land; not to go to enrich some one who can pay a dollar and a quarter an acre and then sell the timber for double that amount and hold the land itself practically free from taxes, until such time as the crowding of bread-getters will raise the price to several times what he paid for it with the timber on it.

The government did not make the public domain, or any part of it; neither did the Creator make it for any such purpose as that discussed above. It was made for the man who wished to rear a home and then rear a family. And those are the men to whom the Government should turn it over, the Government simply acting as trustee or steward to the Maker of it.

## NEW EVIDENCE SHOULD BE "NEW."

The recent trial and conviction of Glass, of San Francisco, with the promise of nullifying the action of the lower court through steps to be taken in the higher court in an effort to bring in new evidence, brings to the front this fact. No man should be granted a new trial in any court in order to get before the higher court evidence that was known, or even suspected at the time of the earlier trial. It is a game of certain lawyers to hold back portions of evidence from an early trial so that it may be used as an excuse to open up the case again, or failing in that to open it up in a higher court. All known evidence should be brought into any and every trial as it progresses, or the accused made lose the benefit of such evidence. And when new evidence is dragged out every one in connection with that side of the case should be put on record as to its "newness" so that legal process may be had against them in case there is any falsifying in order to secure a second or third hearing. Such a step would remove a part of the farcial flavor from more than one case in which guilty men have escaped from just punishment.

## TIME TO AWAKEN.

How long will the people sit idly by and allow such men as Harriman to play the dog in the manger? How long will they sit idly by while such men as Harriman pretend to serve them and all the time are robbing the public in every way conceivable to the perverted mind of such men? Read the following and become convinced of the necessity for action on the part of the people—the whole people, without regard to politics:

That the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company is not adequately equipped to handle the traffic entrusted to it, and that it is the worst offender in this respect in the entire territory of the Northwestern lines, is the verdict of Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, whose investigations in Portland included a look into the car shortage. He found the outlook very gloomy in this State. He talked with lumbermen and other shippers and expressed himself freely on this subject.

The putting into effect of Statement No. 1 means simply this, that the people of Oregon insist on the choice of their United States Senators. Under the Constitution of the United States Senators are elected by the legislators, who in turn are chosen by the people. This may mean—and it has often so worked out—that a man distasteful to the people is chosen to the Senate. Now the people of Oregon wish to choose their United States Senators—or we so think—but to do this they must adopt a plan similar to Statement No. 1 to accomplish that end. And Statement No. 1, though it months ago but it was only recently that data covering its successful use was given the public. The solution is a vote of the people of the State at the election which chose him.

## WHAT ROOSEVELT HAS DONE.

When we figure on Roosevelt, and what he has done, we don't want to lose sight of the fact that no man has been free from mistakes; no man has been free from criticism; no man who has been insistent on punishing crooked men, either because he likes to follow a villain or because of that other fact that it is his duty, has been popular.

But Roosevelt has done one thing which should endear him to the hearts of many people, and that is, he has had the courage to take hold of the misdeeds of men high in politics, high in financial standing, and with a host of fighting friends at their back. In other words, he has been a public servant who had the courage to call attention to the misdeeds of men whom the people wanted to reach, and who wished to secure a public servant to do such a work; he has had the courage to do the work for which he was elected.

And like Solomon, who wanted his enemy to write a book that he might attack the literary style and thus humble the enemy, these plunderers are longing to have the President run again in the hope that they may defeat him and in a measure pay off an old score.

The question between the trusts and the people is not, "Are the American people making more money now than ever before?" the question is are the increments that comes as the result of investment by capital and labor by skilled workmen broken even or equitably? There is an honest division point and men who know most about those things say that the workingman does not get an honest break. And when we see men who started without any capital making millions while others who work as hard remain poor we may rest assured that the man with borrowed capital who becomes excessively rich does not divide honestly with labor or with his backer—and in many cases with neither.

Why not recognize facts as they are, and give the farmer his just due. It is well known that the school book trust had the general public by the throat, both in this and other States, and is it any wonder that the farmers of Oregon, on awaking to that fact, took a crack at it even if it was necessary to hit their own State schools a severe jolt in delivering the blow to the trust, which was the object they sought to reach? The school book trust should be put out of business; and it would be a wise move to close every school for a year if such a measure were necessary to break its hold on the school system, and through it on the pocketbooks of the people.

There is one question that all men may concede now, before the campaign for President gets so hot that no one will make concessions on either side, and that is: The better men in both parties wish for a good government economically administered. The question then arises, how to secure that end. Here is where men differ; and again they differ as to how far they are willing to go into evil in an effort to line up voters, and men who have large influence with big blocks of voters. And here is where one wants to focus his weather eye.

People with plans to save the world generally want to start in some foreign nation, away from home—they want to save the heather of some far off land. So, too, with these men who want to play for universal peace—who want to forever still the noise of the cannon and stop the death-dealing bullet. Why not begin at home? It would be so much easier and less expensive to try and disarm the small boy with his toy pistol; and the toy pistol has claimed a score of victims hereabouts within the past few weeks.

And now the drink demon is charged with the trouble that recently occurred among the nurses in the Francis Willard temperance hospital in Chicago. Either this drink demon is a very persevering fellow or else there has been gross carelessness in choosing nurses for this new temperance hospital. In either case it seems to be the fault of the man—or woman—and not entirely the blame of the liquor.

Men and women who recognize affluities and at once proceed to live with them do well—provided they have not previously seen an affinity and married. In other words, don't marry until you are certain you have found your affinity; but if later in life you think you have made a mistake don't tell the world of it, nor your life partner, but grit your teeth and stand by your first error.

Young Rockefeller has resigned as teacher of the Bible class in a New York Sunday school. We think it is well; a man who participates in 1000 per cent dividends on an article of general consumption, is certainly not the person to teach the Golden Rule.

The Standard Oil Co. now says that Mr. Rogers is too ill to appear in court and tell what he knows about the methods of Standard Oil. We can't see how one who keeps the American people, and the American government, dancing around as Mr. Rogers has, can be too ill to tell about it; and we can't see why he shouldn't be called to a halt in his diabolical schemes.

The newspaper writers who think it is fun to dig their spurs into the flanks of Mr. Bryan are fooled if they imagine it hurts him. He has run for President until he can command \$500 a night as a public lecturer; and there are thousands of American citizens who would be pleased to turn the same trick.

The San Francisco police commissioners are considering the subject and may put a stop to prize fights in that city. There can be little good come from prize fighting, but when fakes are put on the boards with a view to fleecing the sporting public then there are two reasons for stopping them.

The press dispatches tell us that Congressman Hull, of Iowa, he of the "Hold the Philippines till we bust" proposition, is long on timber lands in those islands that he can't realize on for a generation or so. But of course that little fact has nothing to do with his feelings as to the "hold on" sentiment expressed.

When a big system like the Southern Pacific fails to provide cars to take people from Portland to the State Fair at Salem, with hundreds of cars standing idle in the yards, is it not time for the people to sit up and take notice?

Sir Thomas Lipton is to make another try for America's racing cup in 1908. Sir Thomas knows how to get a lot of cheap advertising to help along in the sale of his brand of tea.

You can't convince the American citizens at Bellingham, or the English citizens at Vancouver, that the Japanese are invincible.

When one stops to consider the present demand for teachers in Oregon it would look as if a few normal schools were a necessity.

## PUBLIC SALES.

John Acker, on the Abernathy road four miles from this city, will sell at public auction on Thursday, Sept. 26, farm machinery and stock, buggies, harness, etc. Sale at 10 a. m. with W. W. H. Samson as auctioneer.  
Humphry Jones, on his farm five miles south of Oregon City, near Carus, will sell at public auction on Saturday, October 5, horses, cattle, hogs, wagons buggy, farm machinery, household effects, etc. Sale at 10 a. m., with sums over \$10 on time. W. W. H. Samson, auctioneer.

## TREASURER'S NOTICE.

I now have money to pay Road Warrants endorsed prior to December 11, 1906. Interest ceases September 18, 1907.

J. C. PADDOCK,  
County Treasurer.

## LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the council of Oregon City at its next regular meeting for a renewal of his liquor license until April 1, 1908, at his present place of business 507 Main street, Oregon City.

D. M. McHENRY.

## Wants Bryan to Keep Out.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, regards William J. Bryan as the "greatest advocate of the people's rights and interests which this generation has produced," but fearful that he cannot poll the full Democratic vote, wants the peerless leader not to be a candidate for the Presidency, but to "lend his great influence in the party to the selection of a ticket that will heal the factional breach and draw the honest and the hearty support of all elements."

The Harmony Home-coming picnic that was postponed from August 24, will be held on the old pioneer camping grounds at Sandy crossing, Sept. 28. There will be a fat man's race, a fat woman's race, races for bachelors and married men, sack and potato races, young girls' races, and boys' races, for which appropriate prizes will be given. Dinner and refreshments will be served.

## COUNCIL WILL VISIT

(Continued from page One.)

the improvement, they were entitled to consideration, and that as soon as Council could get around to grant it. Mr. Anderson wanted it settled one way or the other quick; said he had been charged with opposing the improvement and would show that he was not by standing ready to act at once.

Street Commissioner ordered to close the Mount Pleasant road to traffic until the new grading could have time to settle; traffic at this time likely to ent it up and practically destroy work being put on it.

## TIME CARD.

O. W. P. RAILWAY

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