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The S. P. won't sell its land, eh? Put up the taxes and see.

A yellow pulpit is about as reprehensible as a yellow journal.

The Beaver State Herald published at Gresham, will advance its price November 1, to \$1.50 a year.

The next move of the Standard Oil attorneys should be to claim the benefit of the "unwritten law," for there's no other excuse for the way they have outraged the people.

Your friends don't need to enter into a long story as to whom you are if you are a man that advertises; people know who you are as soon as you are pointed out to them.

If Charles W. Fulton goes before the people as a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate as he has said he will, Francis J. Heney declares he will come to Oregon and take the stump against him.

Walter H. Moore, president of the defunct Oregon Trust Savings Bank, was considerably scared by the report of Receiver Devin. He is hustling in earnest to fix things up and save any possible chance for prosecution.

They now tell a story of a St. Louis man who was given the alternative of choosing between his wife and cigarettes and choose the latter horn to the dilemma. Cigarettes are not a good thing, by any means, but the choice may have been a wise one nevertheless.

There is one significant fact in connection with the announcement by Senator Depew that he is for Roosevelt for another term. The history of Depew proves him to be a trimmer who intends to get all possible benefit from the direction of the wind, hence, when he announces himself for Roosevelt you can accept it that he believes public opinion is for Mr. Roosevelt.

The biggest stores generally do the biggest advertising, sell the most goods and make the most money. And the store that sells the most goods can do business on the smallest possible margin, for the expense per thousand of goods sold is not as great where one sells \$30,000 as where one sells only \$10,000. Moral: Advertise if you would grow. Buy goods of the man who advertises and sells a large volume of goods.

It is announced from Washington that within the next few weeks W. J. Bryan will declare his intentions in regard to the presidential nomination next year. It is said that he will lay down the principles under which he will be a candidate and leave it to the party whether to accept them and himself as the candidate. He regards his chances of election, in the event that he makes the race, as better than either of the two preceding campaigns when he was the standard bearer.

Every town and city in the State should demand that the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co withdraw its suit to defeat the initiative and referendum or at its earliest opportunity turn down any and every application for franchise which that company makes of its council. All the people need do is to stand together against the big corporations who do not wish to do right and they can win. Teach these big corporations what it is to be in a fight to the death and the officers of the big corporations will beg for mercy.

The statement published several days ago that the Government "loan" of \$1,000,000 for the promotion of the Jamestown Fair would resolve itself into a Government "gift," and that no part of the large sum advanced by vote of Congress to aid this enterprise was likely to be returned, proved to be premature. It is now stated that the Secretary of the Treasury received on the 5th of September a check for \$50,000 from the managers of the fair to appropriate on the sum advanced, and that other substantial payments are assured in the near future. It is now confidently expected that the Government debt will be materially reduced during September and October, which it is predicted will be the best-paying months of the Exposition.

MR. BRYAN AND HIGH IDEALS.

We read much about Mr. Bryan and his chances for a third nomination by the Democrats these days, not a little of which is tiresome. The question of Mr. Bryan's chances seem to be the most popular point for discussion, which in itself does not argue well for what is running through the minds of the average citizen.

Why should Mr. Bryan be a candidate—if he is to be a candidate? Many would answer that the Democrats may elect a President. What is all this contention about, anyway?

It is generally supposed that election contentions have for their end the securing of the best possible government. In that case it is not necessary for great good that the best candidate may always win. To secure the greatest good the better party—or more competent party to govern—should win. But if that is impossible, and it looks at this time as if it would be, then the next best thing is for the minority party to run a man for President who has ideals, and who will run only on a high-ideal platform. For in so doing may he direct the attention of the people to that which is good, and may even instill into the minds of the people of the opposition much for which their own party does not stand.

There are too many Rockefeller, Morgans, Harrimans and Carnegies in the Republican party for its good at this time. And such Republicans as Roosevelt recognize this and are fighting against it. But the Republican party has the money and the votes and it looks as if it would prove an impossible task for Bryan and the Democracy to unseat the Republican leaders. How, then, can Mr. Bryan and his party do the greatest good for the country—and we are assured that such is the one aim in life of Mr. Bryan and his party? By running a campaign of high ideals. In doing this they will accomplish wonders in supporting right measures and in holding up the hands of the men in the Republican party who stand for that which is wise and right. And this seems to be one of the limitations of the Democratic party at this time.

Will Mr. Bryan and his followers rise to the occasion? If the party decides to stand by Mr. Bryan, and nominate him for President, and runs a campaign of high ideals, the campaign funds spent by the Democracy will not be lost, and the country at large will be done great good. Every good Republican should rejoice in the nomination of Mr. Bryan by the Democrats; every Republican should be pleased to see the Democrats conduct a campaign of high ideals. There are enough good men in this country, if they could be led to join hands, to control every department of government, and the making and enforcement of wise laws would bring prosperity to all, and not simply to a few millionaires who sit in Wall street and plan how they may, in the division of the sinews of labor, divide so that they take the dollars and leave to the men who do the actual work but dimes, and in many cases only pennies.

May Mr. Bryan win in his contention for a campaign along the line of high ideals; may the Republican party profit by the vision; may the unsafe men in all parties be sent to the rear and such men as the President come to the front.

The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company has commenced a suit to declare void the initiative and referendum law. The suit was filed in the circuit court in Multnomah county, September 14. It charges that the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution of Oregon violates the constitution of the United States in many ways,—ad nauseam. What a lot these grabbers think of the constitution of both state and nation when it can be used as an excuse to thwart the will of the people. In the first place the people have a right to put on the shelf any portion of the constitution that is not for their good, or that we have outgrown; and they show their good sense in trying to improve on the ways of fifty or an hundred years ago.

"When Spain owned the Philippines the natives had one nation they could trade with; now they have none," declares Congressman Hull, of the house committee on military affairs, referring to the failure of Congress hitherto to provide a favorable tariff law affecting the Philippines. Congress passed a tariff law for the Philippines but the "dignity of the Senate" required that it wait—until the trust magnates had had another year or two of plucking the natives. The "dignity of the Senate" needs an occasional stirring up; the Senate has a fondness for going to seed and then asking the country at large to call it dignity.

Speaker Cannon says of the Philippines: "We are in a mess and must do the best we can." Official reports say nothing of a "mess."

There was a general disposition to believe that the Philippine election demonstrated that the Filipinos were utterly incapable of self government and that the Philippine Assembly was destined to prove a failure. Secretary Taft and others who have made a study of the Philippine problem, take a wholly contrary view. They say they appreciate that the Filipinos are not capable of self government and they have known it all along, but the only way the Filipinos can learn by practice and the new assembly will give them the opportunity thus acquire the art, while no measure adopted by the assembly can become a law without the approval of the commission, and therefore, no harm can be done. On the other hand, when the assembly passes a good law it will receive the approval of the commission, which it will be remembered, is appointed by the President of the United States, and the exultation of the Filipino legislators when they have passed a good law will constitute an incentive to further efforts along the right lines. In a word, the United States has undertaken to educate the Philippine people in the difficult art of self government and it is not going to be disappointed because the first attempts along that line are crude and injudicious.

What a lot of suckers the Standard Oil officials imagine the American people are. The latest published statement is to the effect that when the company can settle its lawsuits and get from under fire it intends to reorganize and increase its stock in proportion to its dividends. That is, it will add three hundreds of millions of water to its present stock so that when it comes to divide the profits, or pay its dividends, the percentage of profits will not be so large. No more capital is to be added, the percentage of profits on its products are to be the same, simply that in an effort to fool the people the company will add three hundred millions of watered stock so that the dividends will approach the normal. The high price of oil will be maintained, the big profits to the Standard will be the same, the people will be robbed as in the past, but when the company pays ten per cent on all the stock, instead of forty on what is now in force, the people are expected to "grin and bear it," for ten per cent is not such a big dividend after all. What a poor opinion the Standard officials have of the common people. Are the common people as easy as the Standard officials think? We hope not.

Postmaster General Meyer states again that he will recommend an improved parcel post in his annual report. The fact that an American pays fourteen times as much postage per pound as a German in mailing a parcel suggests that every congressman ought to do something for the people he represents or resign.

The forest reserve just created by the President in Southeastern Alaska embraces 2,000,000 acres, or almost enough to make two states as large as Delaware or Rhode Island. This Tongass National Forest, as it is called, is composed of rough land, but its islands and mainland are well covered with trees.

Now the naughty newspaper man comes to the front with a story that Harriman won't build a railway in Oregon because he is fearful he might be compelled to shovel snow for several months in the year. But this same newspaper man says Harriman won't have to shovel snow in the place for which he is headed.

It is a hard thing to say about one's countrymen, but is not far from the truth, that it is doubtful if 25 per cent of our Senators and Congressmen hold seats not tainted with fraud and crookedness. In many cases crookedness is the only method that will win, in Democratic or Republican legislatures.

Enterprise readers must not take Alton B. Parker too seriously. When he was candidate for President he figured it out that by this time the National Government would have a deficit of several million dollars. He is not infallible, you can see.

The preachers of Cleveland are talking of a union as a means of increasing their salaries. What about that fine-spun theory of the preacher "working for the Master" and salvation "without money and without price?"

Carrie Nation was arrested in Washington for refusing to discontinue an address to 200 men in front of the postoffice department. The charge was disorderly conduct.

Among those whom the London Times blames for the Vancouver outrage is ex-Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco. Schmitz has been in the penitentiary for several weeks.

Now that the Southern Pacific has thrown down the gauntlet in the matter of its public lands, and assures the public that it will not keep its agreement as to their sale, there is an easy solution for the people. Simply put on the taxes, taxing their lands the same as others. And there is no reason why unimproved lands, in a section or State where there is a natural demand for those lands for improvement, should pay less than if improved. Assess these lands what they should be assessed and you will see the Southern Pacific hunting for cover quickly. Start the ball to rolling at once; here is a good subject to put the initiative and referendum at work on. If every editor in the State will take this question up and push it there is an opportunity for the press to win lasting laurels for the pencil pushers behind the throne.

HIGHLAND.

Dan Fellows has a new plow and promises to "show us how."

School District Eleven is planning to rent the Highland church for this year's school. A teacher has been hired—a young lady from North Dakota—who will hold a seven-months' school.

School in No. 33 began Monday, Sept. 23.

Omar Schockley injured his back while helping threshers, and is laid up for repairs.

Jack Ringo has gone to Eastern Oregon, where he has purchased a ranch.

Thirteen people from here hunted all day Sunday and killed one poor, little frightened deer. And on Sunday, too.

Curtis Kandle will move into the Wirtz home soon.

Little Mary Lucas of Parkplace was severely injured by a cow at her home Monday evening. She went to the barn to see her brother, who had just returned home from a visit and the cow he was milking made a sudden rush and impaled the little girl on her horns. One horn penetrated the child's neck and cut the cheek but it is thought no serious results need follow. The injured child is but six, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucas.

Bolton school will open Monday. The delay in completing the building made the postponement necessary.

SCHOOLS OPEN; LARGE ENROLLMENT

School opened in Oregon City on Monday with a large number of children at their places ready for a good year's work. Report says the number enrolled is larger than last year. The following teachers are at work, and their grade assignments are:

Barclay building—Tenth grade W. C. McKee, city superintendent and principal; ninth grade, Helen G. Abbott; seventh grade, Ida Mae Smith; sixth grade, Edith Carr; fifth grade, Ellen Brobst; fourth grade, Pearl G. Cartledge; third grade, Elizabeth Kelly; second grade, Harrio Cochran; first grade, Margaret Williams.

Eastham building—Eighth grade, Claude Turrell, principal; sixth and seventh grades Stella Pennick; fifth grade, Retta Scoggin; fourth grade, Emily O'Malley; third grade, Laura Pope; second grade, Irene Carter; first grade Beatrice Harrison.

BIG HATCHING SALMON EGGS

Superintendent W. W. Smith of the Cazadero hatchery on the Clackamas river reports that 2,500,000 eggs have been taken from the fall run of Chinook salmon, and that 1,035,000 eyed eggs have been shipped to the hatchery on Salmon river. Thomas Brown, superintendent of Salmon river, will come in next Thursday for 400,000 more eyed eggs, leaving more than 1,000,000 to be hatched at Cazadero.

The new Clackamas plant was installed by Master Fish Warden Van Dusen and has developed so well that he intends to make it permanent. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is constructing a fishway at the Cazadero dam, and this will be completed in time for the winter run of salmon to ascend to the upper river. The racks that have been used this fall have been stored for future use, and Mr. Smith has 100 pounds of powder with which to blast out rock obstructions in the fishing grounds.

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.

TIME CARD.

O. W. P. RAILWAY

Table with columns: Leave, Arrive, Leave, Arrive. Rows for Portland 1st & Alder Sts., Oregon City, Canemah, Oregon City, Portland 1st & Alder Sts. with various times.

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