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Four counties in Western New York will receive \$5,000,000 this fall for their apple crop. The Yankee and the Oregonian can shake hands over a wide expanse.

Well, the Wall Street sharks are running for cover. They want Roosevelt to take a hand in making the "other fellow" be good. If it were not that they are afraid to trust one another the President would never be appealed to for laws that will "protect them from each other."

It has already been discovered that the 2-cent fare law requires longer trains and more conductors, and as the first reason for the existence of railroads is proper service for the public, it follows that the 2-cent fare is first, a public blessing, and also a money-making proposition to the railroads.

"There is just as much money in the country as ever there was. There is just as much property as ever. The land and the mines are as productive as ever. Upon the whole, there were never so many people before who were free from debt." Such is the comment of a San Francisco paper on the financial situation.

The Oregonian's tribute to Harriman: "The Harriman melon, cut for the benefit of the shareholders, is a sucked orange. Or a pumpkin, hollowed and scooped out, with a candle stuck in it. It's a dividend of shucks and emptiness that Mr. Harriman presents to his shareholders. They have lost more than money enough to have averted the panic, or to have built all the railroads the Northwest needs."

Joseph Wharton, a Philadelphia financier who is worth \$30,000,000 and made much of it in a fisheries monopoly that is directly contrary to all moral law, blames President Roosevelt for the recent panic scare. Perhaps the President's calling attention to such wickedness as Wharton is guilty of precipitated it, but it was the Wharton stripe of wickedness that made it.

The average country editor is an easy proposition. But a few short weeks ago a rich man with Senatorial aspirations sent out a two-for-a-cent calendar to the editors over the State. A few editors bit at the bait and went into profusion in thanking this same wanted-to-be statesman in notices worth a dollar or two. A majority did not bite at the gush, but among that number were many who criticized the scheme. This was as good advertising as the praise, and was probably part of the game of securing publicity for a cheap calendar.

The enemies of Roosevelt, men who would like to see him retired to private life, are taking just the steps to lead him to accept a nomination for President the second time. Roosevelt is not a man to retire from the front under fire. He is not a coward and will not run from a danger; and the fight being put up by the "undesirable citizen" of all classes may make it almost imperative to accept the nomination or retire under fire, and in choosing between two evils it is possible that Roosevelt would run forward rather than backward.

Evidence is very strong that minions of the Standard Oil Company have bribed United States Court officials at Chicago to provide them with inside information as to what is going on in cases against them. Isn't it about time that the people rose up and did something to the Standard that will cause its officials to halt? The Standard is committing all sorts of crimes, yet the people are asked to sit idly by while officials are debauched, its records stolen and justice thwarted. It might not be morally correct to confiscate a few millions of Standard property and destroy or divide it, but if the Standard was given a taste of its own medicine it would soon cry out for quarter.

The English are discussing the proposition to abolish the House of Lords. There is no excuse that we know of for its further existence. There is, too, little excuse that we know of for the existence of the United States Senate, outside of the giving of a few fat positions to politicians in their dotage. The old idea that the Senate would prove a restraint on wildcat legislation has proven groundless, for of all wild-catters the Senators have been the wildest. The evil that those old fossils have done in times past has in no wise been equalled by the good; and they are an expensive brake, and a brake generally out of repair when most needed. Abolish both fossil houses at once, yes!

A male reformer may be defined as a man who has made a failure of business, and a female reformer as a woman who has made a failure of marriage.—EX.

Well, what man—if honest—is better able to tell others where to look for pitfalls than one who has stumbled into them, and crawled out with breath enough to tell where they are, and the thin veneer that often covers them? And what woman is better qualified to tell of the breakers in the matrimonial sea than one who has had her own bark—or barks—wrecked on the hidden rocks and reefs that are

not on the main chart? The man or woman who has made mistakes, if honest, is in better position to talk of those errors intelligently than one who is talking theoretically.

Not long ago an Oregon City merchant complained to us "because," he said, "people from this town will go to Portland and pay \$3.50 for an article I displayed in my window for \$2.50." Why do they do it? Because the Portland merchant tells the people through the columns of Portland papers what he has to sell. The Oregon City merchant puts his goods in his window and expects busy housewives to take their valuable time to run around and see what home merchants have to sell. They won't do it; life is too short. They read the papers and then follow "the crowd," which invariably goes to the store that advertises. Tell the people how cheaply you are selling some of these things on which you can't do best Portland, if you want them to know it. Few people are successful mind readers; and few housewives have time to run from store to store and take an inventory of what each has. Tell them; use the newspapers of your own town to tell them; it's your local papers that are read closely.

Few individuals but can see the extremes of good and evil. Few whose vision does not discern that which is morally very bad, and that which is certainly good. But the point where good begins to be evil, and where evil leaves off and begins to be good, is not easily determined by the average individual; only those who stop and reason and have thorough training in discernment, can and do see. That is why we see so many people led about by the nose by other people who proclaim from the housetop that they see, whether they see or not. The fact that they have climbed to the housetop, and have a good pair of lungs, leads many unthinking individuals to fall into line without a thought as to where they are being led. And in the discussion of the excise law in Oregon City today we see a score of men running around with an armful of rings and chains asking permission of the public at large to snap a ring into their noses with them holding the chain. We won't attempt to say that a wise excise law might not be productive of good; but what is the most noticeable of all is this, the number of blind that are striving for the front rank in leading the rest of the blind.

It is well to consider this fact: that the Hill lines have not suspended improvements. That seems to be the difference between a railroad builder and a stock manipulator. Harriman, as soon as the government came to the assistance on the money question immediately ordered all improvements stopped and as much repair work ended as could be done without suspending traffic. Why did he do this? Was the panic which he wishes to come headed off by the actions of Mr. Cortelyou in aiding New York banks? And is he determined to make a panic, and if necessary to do so is he willing to ruin the property he represents to do it? There are many things which make the situation look as he and his ilk are de the side of the market where a panic will aid them in picking up a few millions. The evidence is strong that these men would willingly ruin the whole country to make a few millions for themselves. All honor to Mr. Hill and to men of his stripe. The people of this country should make it a point in going East and in returning to use any railway but the Harriman lines until such time as that individual will be good. And a concerted action of that nature on the part of the people of Oregon would soon bring Mr. Harriman to time.

A recent dispatch in a New York paper states that if William H. Taft is elected President next year, President Roosevelt will under certain conditions, accept an election to the Senate to succeed Thomas C. Platt, and if any one other than Taft is elected, Mr. Roosevelt will seek some other field for his activities. It is further alleged that the President does not intend, of course, to become an active and avowed candidate for the Senate in the closing year of his Presidential term, but that if the New York legislature sees fit to elect him to uphold the hands of President Taft he will not decline. He surely will decline, according to his present intentions, to uphold the hands of any other Republican President.

We are authoritatively informed that President Roosevelt has said it would give him the greatest pleasure to represent the administration on the floor of the United States Senate in case Mr. Taft should be the next President, but it was only in that contingency that he could accept the Senatorship from New York, should the office be tendered to him, as it would be unseemly for him, as ex-President, to attack on the floor of the Senate, the policies of his successor in the executive chair, and that in his opinion Mr. Taft is the only one with whose views on public policies he could have any sympathy.

To those intimately associated with President Roosevelt it is perfectly obvious that he has entered this war upon the evils of corporate mismanagement and the intrusion of corporations in politics, with heart and soul and that he believes it to be a work well worth the activities of his remaining years, whether in public or private life.

The Portland preacher who is lecturing on "How to Be Happy Though Married" can't hold a very high opinion of marriage, or he would state his subject differently. How a well-balanced person can be happy—entirely satisfied—without a life mate is hard to understand.

An advocate of the new excise law informed the editor of the Enterprise that unless it did its share for the winning of the excise law fight the paper might expect to lose trade by it. The only reason why that is not intimidation is that the Enterprise man was not in that kind of a mood.

Hon. Tom Johnson won in his contest for Mayor of Cleveland. This makes four times for Genial Tom, as he is called by Ohio friends. As his opponent, Theodore Burton, had the support of President Roosevelt, Tom's success is of more than ordinary interest.

The Southern Pacific operates three trains daily to California points. These three trains are patronized heavily, putting to the test their full capacity daily. Now one of these trains, that has been a fixture for ten years, is to be taken off the road, it is threatened. If the Southern Pacific does take it off the State Rail-

way Commission should board the line up at a dozen places and not permit a train to run until Harriman comes to his senses.

Four enthusiasts for the excise law signed their names to a statement for publication in the Telegram claiming that the saloonists had threatened to boycott those who signed the request to Council for the enactment of this new temperance ordinance. A. Knapp, for the saloonists, comes back with a sworn statement that there is no truth in the production of deponents, and there you are. Calling into question the honesty of purpose of those for and against is beginning early in this fight.

Certain advocates of the parcel post insist on a rate of 11 cents the pound anywhere in the country; 8 cents a pound anywhere in the State; 5 cents a pound any place in the country; with 3 cents, 5 cents and 2 cents for additional pounds, respectively. Why will not such a post help the home merchant as well as the big department houses? How could a department house injure a local merchant's business with those rates in vogue? The local merchant could do business by phone in his own county; and he gets little if any business outside that now.

Portland banks have made arrangements for large shipments of gold from London, and it is expected that half a million dollars will arrive by Saturday. As a total over a million in gold has been arranged for, the outlook seems to have a better color, despite the fact that a few weak banks are being forced out of business. It is well for the people to continue to take the situation philosophically, for that is the wiser course. If the bank which holds your money is insolvent a rush for funds will not help, and if it is solvent you may cause a crash by clamoring for money you do not need at this time. A weak bank may pay in full if given consideration; a strong bank may go down if forced too far.

This is a nation of majorities, and generally speaking majorities are supposed to determine. But there is one thing to consider in this connection: Because a measure wins in a fight does not necessarily decide that the measure winning is the wisest course and the best. Majorities have made many mistakes in the past. The wrecks of nations that are strewn all along the shores of time prove this. Had the majority always been in the right the story of man would read much different—in fact it would be a story well worth reading. But majorities have been in the wrong more

than half the time; and we have but to read between the lines to read when and where.

There is much noise being made over conditions at Panama and along the Canal route. Critics charge that these conditions are bad—even very bad. Well, what of it? Did you expect the government to operate Sunday schools and give work to only those who were good citizens? Those who are conversant with conditions surrounding such an enterprise as the building of the Panama Canal know that the government is glad to get help of any kind, and does not and can not insist on a certificate of good character. A large percentage of the men who apply for work on such an undertaking are bad citizens, and are certain to remain so while they live. A Sunday school is a good institution but with most of those men a Sunday school has little attraction at this time of life; they prefer the saloon and gambling table. And well regulated institutions of that kind are not so productive of evil as the little dens sure to spring up if the government attempts to suppress those that are run with some semblance of order. The class of people who dig canals are not of the church-going, Sunday school-loving stripe, but why not let them work and earn a few dollars, nevertheless.

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Dry Goods and Dress Goods

At this season of the year we show the largest line of goods for fall and winter wear in Clackamas county. There are none of the new things in Dress Goods that we do not have. We can sell you a handsome dress pattern or sell you from the piece. We have fifty or more choice things to select from and the price is the most attractive incident in the selling.

We can sell you a suit all ready to put on; tailor-made and the finest that can be sold for the money. We stand ready to dress a lady from head to foot with the best things that manufactures can produce.

Come in and see what we have to offer; it costs you nothing to look and by looking around you are able to learn just what are the latest offerings.

Clothing and Furnishings

We are headquarters for men and boys. Our line of Clothing and Furnishings is very extensive and nowhere can you duplicate the prices. We purchased largely for this season and in order that we may not carry over we have marked the goods at bottom prices.

Make your selection early; in this way you get the best for it is always the best that is chosen by early buyers. The selection is unbroken in Suits, Overcoats, Single Coats and Pants. We can sell you something very fine for little money at this time.

Overalls, Underwear, Socks, Gloves, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc., fresh from the manufacturer and low to realize cash in this financial stry. See what we have to display and you may find something that will just suit you; we will make the price right.

We sell a blue striped Overall, with bib, at 45c pair.

Blankets and Quilts

We have a line second to none in the county. All Quilts, with white cotton inside, sell at \$1.75 and up, according to the amount of work on them.

Oregon City Woolen Mills blankets at cost. We can undersell all other stores on these goods.

Buy your Blankets and Quilts now; you will need them a little later and if you buy now you get the choice of patterns. The rush on these goods will come a little later; buy before the rush begins.

Skirts, Corsets, Underwear

Our line of Corsets embraces the winning styles and makes. Let us fit you with one; if it doesn't fit it's no sale.

We have a fine display of Skirts—heavy for wintet, fancy for fine fabrics, plain for every day, with a few rich silk Skirts that are the pride of all possessors. Let us show you our line.

We have all styles of Underwear—unions and piece garments from light, medium and very heavy. We have garments for stout, medium and light in weight, and the price runs very low for a good garment. Stockings, handkerchiefs, ties, gloves, mittens, and the little articles that go to complete a lady's toilet.

We also have a full line of Underwear for the children and can sell garments that will wear well despite the rough usage that clothing generally gets from the youngsters.

Bring the little folks in and let us show them what you are buying for them. They often have their choice in these things and it costs little more to please the children than to insist on just what we older folks see fit to buy for them.

Notions

Many household necessities are classed under the head of Notions. We have all of them, and we have them in large lines. These goods must be turned into cash to pay the bills coming due within a short time and if you will aid us in raising the money we will make it worth your while in the bargains we will give you.

We have not space to enumerate the hundred and one things this department contains, the housewife knows what they are and where to find them; but at this time we would impress on your mind that it will pay you to anticipate your future wants at the prices we shall sell at for the next thirty days.

Shoes for Men and Women

This is the season of the year for Shoes. Everybody must have warm Shoes if they would avoid the ill effects of bad weather. We carry a full line for Men, Women and Children.

For Men we sell the most reliable makes and carry a half dozen styles from each factory. We can give you a dress Shoe, or one for hard service on the farm, in the mill or woods or on the river. All guaranteed just as represented. Rubber Boots and Overshoes.

For the ladies we have dress Shoes and warm lined Shoes and Slippers. We can also supply the Children in nearly as great a variety. We make a specialty of strong school Shoes for boys and girls.

We have a nice line of Slippers suitable for home comfort and holiday gifts. Don't buy your winter Shoes until you see us and what we can do for you in quality and price.

Millinery

Our display of Millinery is as large as that shown by many of the city stores. At the same time our prices are much less for our expense is much less. You can't afford to go to the city for your winter Millinery until you have seen us. If we have nothing to suit you then it will be an easy matter to go on to the city. But if we have something that pleases you, you can easily save a dollar or so in buying of us.

We carry a full line of tailor-made Hats that we will now sell very close for cash. Then we have many pretty things in trimmings and Hats that are untrimmed.

City stores cannot compete with us in prices on these goods, regular millinery stores cannot duplicate our prices.

REMEMBER—We need the money, we have the goods and are willing to make you rare bargains in making the trade; isn't that fair? Now, what remains for you to do is to come in and see if we have something you want, then we will price it to you and if you are satisfied the deal goes through. Our guarantee is behind everything we sell; the goods must be as we represent them.

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