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Friends of Governor Chamberlain are pushing him to the front for the nomination for Vice President on the ticket with Bryan.

The Portland man who shot a newsboy in the early morning thinking he was a burglar must be quicker on the trigger than in the head. Such an individual is certainly an unsafe proposition with a pistol within his grasp.

When religious weeklies like the Outlook, Dr. Lyman Abbott's paper, will print apologies for the Standard Oil Company, either at so much per line or in consideration of a fat donation, is it any wonder the common people are losing faith in religious papers and preachers?

A Seattle preacher has been arrested for eating a quail in a Seattle restaurant. While it was, perhaps, a bad example for an expounder of the moral law to set, still it is no worse for a preacher to eat a quail out of season than for any other man. That suggestion about stone throwing may not be amiss in this case.

The people of Spokane are tired of "blue Sundays," and as the result of a meeting of the business men last week decided to call Council in special session and legislate accordingly. This is the other side to that bright shield that some have been carrying around to use as a mirror on their neighbor.

President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., says that his company is operating every closed car they own, fit for service, and that it is putting into commission a new car every 48 hours. The company seems to be doing all it can to care for the "rush hours," the only criticism that seems fair is to charge that the company did not begin to plan quite soon enough.

A prominent Senator, who has the confidence of the President, is authority for the statement that next Deber, in his last annual message to the Congress, Mr. Roosevelt will strongly urge that the salary of the President of the United States be increased to \$100,000. The President hopes that one of his last official acts will be to sign such a bill, enabling his successor draw the increased salary from the beginning of his term.

The fight for the shoes of District Attorney Bristol, who has resigned, is waxing hot all along the line. Prosecutor Heney has gone on to Washington to learn why Mr. Bristol is to be ousted at this time. Chris Schuebel, who has been an aspirant for the position, has gone too that his fences may be properly taken care of. What the outcome will be is hard to tell, but Mr. Schuebel affirms that he had no desire to push Mr. Bristol out; that he was simply trying to secure the place in case that it was settled that Mr. Bristol was to retire in any event.

Representative Acheson, who comes from a temperance town in Pennsylvania, is an enthusiastic over the proposition to vote \$50,000,000 for inland waterways that he has introduced a bill in Congress to raise the amount by increasing the tax on beer from \$1 to \$2 per barrel. He explains that last year there were consumed 52,000,000 barrels of beer, and as consumption is constantly on the increase, the additional tax would be more than enough to improve within a few years every river and harbor in the country. Here is a man who pretends to be a believe in temperance—wants to do some thing all the time to lift people up, he says—but he is not averse to making the man with the bad habit pay in round figures for his habit. Let us modify that statement—he would take out of the mouths of the families of the man with the bad habit this \$50,000,000. We have our doubts of a man who professes good things the moment he wants to plan to secure improvements and other benefits for himself at the expense of the family of the man who has the bad habit.

The report is current that the closest friends of the administration are convinced that vast sums of money are being expended to discredit President Roosevelt, and especially the policies for which he stands, and as an instance of the latest development of this movement is cited the widely distributed advertisement that has appeared in the newspapers of the country from one end to the other, entitled "Theodore Roosevelt—Destroyer." An investigation has brought to light the fact that an expense of \$200,000 has already been expended in the publication of this advertisement, presumably to promote the sale of a somewhat obscure magazine, and the natural assumption is that the expenditure is the outcome of a conspiracy, known to exist by the friends of the administration, to prevent a continuance of the policies for which Mr. Roosevelt stands and to defeat the nomination of the one candidate for the Presidency who is, in the judgment of the President, capable and willing to carry on the work he has begun. We believe that the President and the friends of the administration have no cause for anxiety as it is only necessary for the great body of the people to know the facts that vast sums of money are being lavishly used to defeat the policies for which Mr. Roosevelt stands.

MIGHT DON'T MAKE RIGHT.

The wise man is one who recognizes conditions and acts accordingly. The man who acts on his own preconceived ideas regardless of the conditions that surround him—and in many cases conditions which he sees, or at least partially sees—is a foolish man.

We of this generation have much history with which to store our minds and from which to learn facts of past conditions. Some of this history is unreliable, but that which is material to our welfare is, in most cases, correct or in a condition so that a little study may enable us to choose from it that which is true.

Nothing sticks out more clearly in the history of past nations and peoples than this fact: That the majority has in many and many instances been in the wrong; it is only through the majority being in the wrong that evil can overtake a nation or a people. All trouble that has figured in the destruction of nations and peoples has come, then, through the wrong-doing of the majority. And in many instances the greater part of these majorities have been people who were honest in their intentions but were led into error by friends, or through an appeal to some selfish instinct that often dominated their acts.

The Egyptian people, the Greek, Roman, Jewish, Babylonian and many other nations that have gone to pieces on the rocks of time were all impaled on that destructive horn of the majority.

"But," says the man with an ax to grind, "shall not the majority rule?" And if you answer without thinking you say "Yes." And without thinking you naturally decide that such ought to be the case.

Riding along the railway on a fast train it is easy to see that your train is moving for you can "see the fields and hills go by" and you can count the telegraph poles if you are in doubt.

But that is not the case in the flight of time. We are a part of "time" and fly along at so nearly the same pace that we cannot look out upon "time" and note which is moving the faster, and we often wonder if we or "time" is moving at all. If we would take note of "time" we must look across the mile-poles of the centuries to see the progress that is making.

If we look back we can see what were the main causes in the destruction of the nations of the past that have gone to pieces on the rocks of time. And if we will look closely enough we can see that it has been mainly due to the errors of the majority.

Another point in connection with this discussion that is not often seen, if it is wrong for one person to do a certain thing it is wrong for a dozen. The size of the majority does not change conditions. For example: If it is wrong for one man to kill another it is wrong for a dozen or for a thousand to kill. Numbers do not change conditions. It is just as wrong for a nation to kill men as for the individual.

That brings us up to the point at issue: If the majority of the people vote to do something that is wrong that does not make it right to commit the deed. If a majority vote not to do something which it is the privilege of the minority to do if they see fit, and then takes steps to force the minority to do something which is against its will, just because the majority wants in done, the majority commits a wrong; numbers do not count in making an act good or bad.

In Idaho the "moral" element is striving to force the "immoral" people to do as the "moral" people say is right. The "moral" people say they are in the majority and that their purpose to be obeyed. It is not a question of an agreement on what is right, for both factions do not agree in the matter. But the "moral" element says that it is right and is going to force the rest of the community to do as it says regardless of what may be right.

We won't argue the question as to which is right in this contention, but we will say this: Even if the "moral" element is right, and the liberal element is right, the forcing of the liberal element to do what the conservative element says is right—even if it is right—is a ten-fold greater evil than the evil that is corrected by the "moral" element. And the history of the world proves this to be the case.

The majority is the element that ruined every nation that has gone to pieces in the past; study this subject and you can find the proof. Is it wise, then, to follow in the footsteps of those who have committed the gravest of crimes in the past; the overthrowing of the will of the minority who do not agree with us? This is a pertinent subject to Oregon and Oregon City.

The St. Johns Review says: "Why Don't God Kill the Devil?" is the subject that will be considered at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening.

After preaching to that subject on Sunday that pastor should never say a word about "sensational" newspapers.

The Oregon Brewers' Association has decided that saloon men who disregard State laws and city ordinances shall not receive support from the brewers as an association or as individuals.

Secretary Cortelyou, of the Treasury, and Secretary Metcalf, of the Navy, are grip victims and confined to their homes for a few days.

DEATHS.

WILLIAMS—In Oregon City, Dec. 12, 1907, Mrs. Laura H. Williams, aged 56 years.
MARLEY—At her home in Oregon City, Dec. 18, 1907, Mrs. George Marley, from heart trouble, aged 42 years.
WARNER—At a hospital in Kennet, Cal., Dec. 12, 1907, Charles T. Warner, aged 24 years. Death due from heart failure, the result of an illness from typhoid fever.

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