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**Oregon Will Survive**

It may be that organized labor is anxious to retain public sympathy, but it is certain that some recent tactics have had an extremely damaging effect upon such hopes, if they are entertained.

The most recent action to be condemned by the general public was the letter sent out from Portland and warning workmen away from the state. Statements contained in this vicious circular have since been admitted by its authors to be grossly exaggerated. However, it was just what certain eastern newspapers were eagerly looking for in order to staunch the flow of immigration westward. These papers have been giving the Portland circular extensive publicity. Oregon's opportunities are drawing thousands of ambitious people from the eastern states and arguments against the state—however false they may be—are valuable.

If the real workingmen of the state were behind this misguided movement, the situation would be hard to understand. When it is known, however, that it is the work of a few demagogic leaders who are playing for their own personal ends, the truth becomes apparent.

Oregon will survive this unwarranted and cowardly attack because she offers too bright and too varied opportunities to the man who is willing to work to suffer long. Those who have come here and who have found all and more than they expected are now and will remain the state's best boosters.

**Tariff The Real Issue**

It has long been a foregone conclusion that the tariff will be the vital issue in the coming presidential campaign. However the candidates may line up, the tariff planks in their respective platforms will be subjected to the closest scrutiny and upon them must each candidate either stand or fall.

The time has passed when any reasonable man would attempt to defend the present schedule of high duties upon some of the necessities of life, and both parties now admit that there must be substantial reductions in order to relieve the tension which is apparent the country over as the result of the high cost of living. This unrest, prevailing as it does among those classes upon whom the struggle for existence falls the heaviest, makes prompt remedial measures imperative.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts is the latest to raise his voice and demand prompt action by Congress. He declares that back of whatever local cause there may be for the strike involving 30,000 mill operatives in that state, the fundamental cause is the high cost of living, from which the working people in all sections of the country now suffer, due in large part to the present excessive tariff.

**The Happiness of Today**

Half the joy of life comes from getting good out of things as we go along. Some of us are always putting off our enjoyments. After awhile we expect to take a rest, see a friend, read a book or enjoy some other long-anticipated pleasure, but that after awhile never comes. The good times we are looking forward to lie as far away as ever. All our life is spent in meaning to overtake it and enjoy it. Meanwhile we toil, drudge and grow old, passing by with unselfish eye the happiness we might get out of every day.

**T. R. Standing Pat**  
 Speculations in regard to Roosevelt's intentions have been further aroused during the past week by the explanation appearing editorially in the Outlook that the Colonel's words, spoken in 1904 and repeated in 1907, that under no conditions would he accept another nomination, did not apply to the present year.

The Outlook's editorial uses this illustration:  
 "When a man says at breakfast in the morning, 'No, thank you, I will not take any more coffee,' it does not mean that he will not take any more coffee tomorrow morning or next week or next month or next year.  
 "And when Colonel Roosevelt said, 'Under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination,' he did not mean he would not accept the nomination in 1912 or 1916 or 1920."

At first blush this looks like an attempt on the part of Roosevelt to open the way for a possible announcement of his candidacy. It certainly leaves the Progressives and LaFollette supporters in a state of suspense and they are still at a loss which way to turn. The Colonel is evidently going to take things as they come between now and April, but probably intends to accept the nomination if circumstances swing the convention his way. In other words, he will no doubt be content to pose between now and convention time as a "standpatter."

**Oak Grove Spirit**

Residents of Oak Grove have set about making country life in that attractive section more pleasant and profitable, if possible, by organizing a club which will hold monthly meetings at which times matters of vital importance to all will be discussed. Members will be given an opportunity to participate by reading papers upon subjects of which they may have special knowledge. Matters of community interest will also be discussed and altogether the purpose for which the club has been organized is most admirable.

Every section has its distinctive spirit and the character of the community will be determined by the relations which exist between the individual members. Any movement which tends to encourage co-operation and unity cannot but bring excellent results if properly carried out.

Now that Professor Lawrence is county fruit inspector, he is in a position to work in behalf of all orchardists. Arrangements have been made whereby he will keep the orchardists informed through the columns of the News, and it is assured that these timely suggestions will prove of great value to all who are interested in the fruit industry here.

Hood River was flooded with warm, delicious sunshine all day Monday and as a forerunner of many more such days to come it was thoroughly welcome. It did much to dry up the roads and much more in cheering up those who have missed Old Sol's countenance during the past few weeks.

After all that has been said about the dishonesty of politicians, Hood River citizens must be a remarkably honest lot. Certainly aspirants to political honors are remarkably scarce hereabouts at the present writing.

In St. Louis they are discussing the feasibility of marrying on \$12 a week. It ought to be perfectly feasible. As an exchange points out, however, the difficulty comes in remaining married on such an income.

A twenty-third child has been born to a Missouri couple and they now have hopes of raising a large family even if they have to adopt a youngster or two.

**DEMOCRATS NAME WILBUR AND DERBY**

The Democratic county central committee met the last of the week in the offices of John Garvin at The Dalles and framed up a slate for the coming primaries. F. A. Seufert was chairman of the meeting and John Garvin secretary. The list of candidates for the various offices is incomplete, and some of the prospects may not accept. The men now being consulted are:

A. J. Derby of Hood River for state senator.  
 I. B. Driver of Wauke for state representative.  
 George C. Blakely for county judge.  
 H. F. Woodcock of Tygh Valley for sheriff.

George R. Wilbur of Hood River for district attorney.  
 J. L. Harper for constable.  
 A. S. Bennett for delegate to the national convention.

Republican candidates are scarce. Hon. J. L. Carter, who has been mentioned as a candidate for the legislature, stated the last of the week that he did not intend to become a candidate. At present S. W. Stark is the only candidate for the legislature in this county. It is reported that the state Democratic committee in Portland has been looking to Hood River for candidates for secretary of state and state railroad commissioner.

**WHITE LEGHORNS REFUSE TO TAKE A BACK SEAT**

Editor News: The White Leghorns refuse to take a back seat. Have just read your article in this week's News headed "55 Hens Lay 1027 Eggs in Month of January." Since egg records seem to be in order the Leghorns have the following to offer: Two of my pens of 34 and 42 pullets laid a total of 1427 eggs in the month of December, an average of 18.7 eggs each or a yield of 90.5 per cent. The pen of 42 pullets laid 792 eggs, 18.9 eggs each or 90.7 per cent yield.

The December record is given as everyone knows what the scarcity of eggs and the price in December as compared with January. These birds are pure bred and have trapped ancestors, hence they lay. Please give the Leghorns their due. Very truly,  
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**Real Estate Bulletin**

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