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**EDITORIAL**

**Monomanias.**

We suppose that nearly all readers of the New Age also read the Oregonian, and if so the following, taken from its leading editorial of a few days ago, will not be new, but it is good enough to be read the second time. Commenting on an article by Thomas Nelson Page, a persistent pessimist on the "race question," and one who labors hard (for pay, of course) to show how incomparably inferior the negro race is, the Oregonian says he is one of a group of Southerners "who have lost their wits entirely over the negroes." In his article in McClure's Magazine, Page uses the words "race" and "racial" 104 times, showing how "race" made he is; that he has "race on the brain." The Oregonian says, in part:

"The race question has become a fixed idea with him. He can think of nothing else, apparently, and even upon this one paramount theme he cannot think rationally. At times Mr. Page's language becomes incoherent; throughout it is extravagant, boastful and wild. Most of the article is a vague sort of rhapsody, somewhat in the manner of Kipling, over the 'great white race.'

"For one thing he resolutely implies from start to finish that all negroes who are lynched in the South have committed assaults upon white women. It is well known that this is not so. More than two-thirds of the lynchings are for crimes like theft and murder. From this incorrect premise he argues that the white men who do the lynchings are "in the skirmish line" that protects the whole white race from the peril of miscegenation. Mr. Page condemns them with feeble formality, but in reality he thinks they are doing a great service to civilization, since by burning and torturing negroes they protect the race purity of the whites. The fact that most of the lynchings have nothing to do with the 'social equality' problem does not disturb Mr. Page in the least. Having invented his premises, he sticks to them to abide by his conclusion. In Jamaica, where negroes are more numerous in proportion to the whites than almost anywhere in the South, there is no outcry about social equality, no mob rule, no torture. Also, one is happy to add, there are no Thomas Dixons and no Tillmans or Vardamans. The English rulers of the island have learned how to treat the negroes with simple and exact justice, and justice solves all the problems that arise. What it does in Jamaica it would also do in the South."

After showing that if there is miscegenation the whites are wholly responsible for it and it is invariably the white males who indulge in it, the Oregonian concludes:

"Like other writers of his class, Mr. Page assumes, without explicitly stating it, that we are on the eve of a war between the white and black races to prevent miscegenation. When that war breaks out, he informs the negroes, they will find all the whites united against them by the sacred ties of 'race.' The notion that such a war is possible could, of course, arise nowhere else than in the imagination of a Southerner inflamed with anger at the thought of his former slaves assuming the status of human beings. It is utterly maniacal. But if a struggle between the Southern whites and blacks ever should arise, it is to be hoped that the people of the north, instead of taking sides with either party, would

interfere promptly and effectually to put a stop to it. If the Southerners could only make up their minds to let the negroes alone, and think of something else for a while, the greater part of their troubles would vanish into thin air."

If a lot of southern newspapers had the intelligence and candor to print such truths as these, instead of quoting approvingly such prejudiced and bigoted twaddle as men like Page write for pay, they would do much to lay the "race" bugaboo. If there shall ever be a race conflict, it will be brought about not by the negroes at all, but by these ranters and ravers on the "race question."

**FRED A. KRIBS.**

In this age of progress the creation and development of an idea is the keynote of success. It does not matter whether the work is in the realm of science, or art, or literature, or along the line of industrial accomplishment, the same principle obtains. It is therefore not surprising that the world has begun to look upon the successful man as a blessing to humanity.

Who will say that the great empire builders, James J. Hill, Collis P. Huntington and E. H. Harriman, have not been a blessing to their country? Yet their genius and activities were exerted in the direction of the creation and operation of great railway enterprises, but the development of the country contiguous to these enterprises was a natural consequence, and instead of a barren wilderness as before their coming, there is today a land rich in productive resources and teeming with millions of happy and contented people.

The great Northwest, nature's richest storehouse, rich beyond the dreams of avarice, with its untold mineral wealth, its vast acres of fertile and productive soil, its wonderful preserves of game and fish, and its great forest reserves, invites today the attention of the world.

Perhaps there is no section of the country where more attention is being given to the development of the timber industry, and certain it is that none is richer or more promising in this particular natural resource than Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

When one thinks of timber or mineral lands in the Northwest the mind naturally reverts to the name of Mr. Fred A. Kribs, who is the pioneer dealer in timber and mineral lands throughout this section. He is generally credited as being the best informed man in his line in the West, and while he has sold and handled millions of acres, never has he advised an investment that has not proven profitable to the purchaser.

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Oregon has been greatly benefited by Mr. Kribs' business activity.

**THE MAN FOR MAYOR.**

A few men are "talked of" for mayor on the republican ticket but so far only one, we believe, Mr. Devlin, has formally announced his candidacy. He will not have the field to himself, however, and the man who comes out last, if he happens to come up to the voters' idea of what the candidate should be, is as likely to win the nomination as the one who announced himself first.

Somehow, perhaps for no very specific reason, voters generally do not regard Mr. Devlin, as quite the right sort of a man, not "big" enough, not of known large executive ability. It is believed that he has made a good auditor, though his office has been

the subject of an investigation of which no official report has been made, but a man may make a very good auditor and not be fit for mayor.

Portland at this time needs for mayor one of its biggest, brainiest men. He should be a business man of large ideas and capacity. He should be a man who will not only faithfully execute the ordinances, but who is capable of taking the initiative in many matters of going ahead and being a real leader, not politically, but in the development of the city. He should be a man who has large, correct conceptions of what the city may be and should be, and who will do much to help make it so. He should be a man who will work in harmony with the council, but who will be "bigger" than any councilman and one who will compel the tacit acknowledgement of that fact. He should be a man of fine presence, a ready and brief speaker, and a man who does not want to be mayor just for what is "in it," who is afraid to spend a few dollars out of his salary, but on the contrary a man who thinks incomparably more of the advancement and good name of the city than of the mayor's salary.

If no such man comes to the front, then the voters will have to pick from among the candidates the one who comes nearest filling the bill, and it is pretty safe to say that it will not be Mr. Devlin.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRISTOL.**

The President has reappointed United District Attorney Bristol to the position he has so satisfactorily and ably filled since his first appointment, and he will hold his position till congress meets again next winter, when it is to be hoped Senators Fulton and Bourne will cease their opposition to his confirmation. There is and can be no really good reason why Mr. Bristol should not be confirmed. He has not only performed the heavy and important duties of his office with entire satisfaction to the government and the people, and with entire success, but it is well known that the opposition to him is founded on no good or sufficient reasons. Not only so, but there is the element of false pretense in it that does Mr. Bristol an undeserved injury, for the objections to him are not really based on anything against him as a man, a lawyer or an officer, but purely on political or factional grounds, and the people are not pleased with this sort of opposition to a good, able and faithful officer.

Mr. Bristol will soon be engaged in the trial of several more important land fraud cases, and everybody concedes that he is entirely competent to carry them through to a successful conclusion, without the assistance of Mr. Heney, as in fact he did the last ones tried here. And since then he has won all the appealed cases that have been decided in the federal court of appeals. Not to confirm Mr. Bristol next winter, as if he had done something wrong or was incapable, would be both an affront and an injustice to him, which Senator Fulton should understand the people would resent next year at the polls. They are tired of this factional and personal fight made upon the best district attorney the government ever had here.

**THE NOLAN CASE.**

The more that is heard of the case of the late register of The Dalles land office the more it is understood that he was most deservedly kicked out, and he may consider himself lucky if the government lets it go at that. It is complained in some quarters that Mr. Moody was too officious in suggesting the removal of Nolan or an inquiry into his conduct of the office, but if Mr. Moody did this he did a good service by "butting in." He had a right to do so, too, because Nolan was appointed on his recommendation and he felt responsible for his official creation. He could not get Senator Fulton to act, we suppose, because Fulton is a particular friend of ex-Representative Williamson's, and is factually hostile to Moody. Nolan, it seems, was not only false to the man who made him politically, and who had loaded him with favors and benefits, but he had

become intolerably insolent and overbearing to patrons of the office, and his culminating meanness was in his veiled accusation of his fellow official, Miss Lang, who had been connected with the office for many years and knew more about its business than Nolan could learn in a long lifetime. The administration made no mistake in getting rid of Nolan, but Senator Fulton gets no credit for Nolan's discharge.

A Texas colored man netted \$1,000 last year off a 50-acre farm. This is not mentioned because it is a peculiar case, but only as a sample of many similar cases in different parts of the country of the success of colored men in various industrial vocations, and yet some people suppose they do not know enough to go in when it rains.

It is very likely that the lumber mill owners could afford to pay higher wages and ought to do so, but the demands of the men, incited by outside mischief makers and hired trouble breeders, seem to be unreasonable. Between the two the city is getting a very damaging knock, but there appears to be no help for it.

Representative Hawley starts out as if he would make a very active and useful representative. This is a good thing, for this district as well as for his own, for we shall have to depend on Hawley rather than the big log that we elected.

It is a pity a lot of the labor agitators could not be thrown into jail and fed on bread and water for awhile. They do millions of damage and no real good to anybody.

So the colored brother didn't get that nice job in Ohio after all. But every colored man in Ohio will be expected to vote the republican ticket straight next year.

A great improvement ought to be made on some councilmen that will go out of office on July 1—and Ward one is a good place to begin making the change.

The mayor has not yet discovered any way by which he can hold over any way by which he can hold over elected, and that is oh, so doubtful.

Senator Fulton returns with a pretty good record to his credit, yet there are a few things that a good many republicans do not exactly like.

That a sheriff should have entire custody and control of the county prisoners seems to be a self-evident proposition.

A good many of the best people are coming to the conclusion that the primary nomination law is a nuisance and a fraud.

Let everybody get ready to vote for the parks and boulevards and driveways. It is high time the city had them.

Congress did very well indeed by Oregon, and of course Senator Fulton will properly get some credit for that.

The democrats are going to hold a meeting to decide on some candidates but what's the use? This isn't 1905.

Heney has Ruef in close quarters now, and the boss might as well give up. Heney is a sure shot.

Anti-railroad demagogues are getting the country into a lot of trouble.

It was a good thing for this town when Lafe Pence struck it.

The city attorneyship seems destined to go to an Irishman.

So far nobody seems inclined to roast Coffey.

**Advance in Postal Salaries.**  
Washington, March 15.—First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock has made a compilation showing how many clerks in postoffices and letter-carriers will be affected by the increased pay recently provided for them by congress. The additional pay will begin on July 1 next. The total number of clerks promoted at that time or as soon afterwards as they shall have completed a year's service in the grades in which they are now serving will be 19,900. The increase will affect 42,433 carriers throughout the country.

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