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TODAY'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy; slowly falling temperature, but mostly fair...

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

LAUGHTER AND TEARS.

Beyond all question and beyond all controversy the only thing in our local political literature this year, or indeed for many a year, is the manifesto of the 'Simon Republicans'...

'Should we,' the Simon sub-bosses plaintively inquire, 'shall we have a government of the people, for the people and by the people, or a government of the machine, for the machine and by the machine?'

Through this primary law the people have had 'free choice' of representation in the history of Multnomah County. The authors of this address are full of grief because the old method, under which they always had a "dead cinch," has been broken up.

The Republican ticket now before the people is the only one ever nominated through a primary at which all members of the party could have opportunity to vote, with assured and equal votes would be honestly counted.

'This ticket,' they say, 'was named and published before any convention of the party or caucus of the faction had convened.' It was so, 'in part; for The Oregonian is a newspaper, and it busies itself to find the drift of events, through the shadows they cast before them.'

'Likewise,' it ascertained, named and published, a week beforehand, nearly every name and nomination of the Demo-Simon combine, including those handed out with this address. Nearly every name had been printed again and again, long in advance of their promulgation.

The Republican ticket is, as we learn from this address, a ring-made ticket, and a machine-made ticket, though a large majority of the delegates—more than one hundred—elected under a full vote at a primary held under strict law, made it up, but here, under the simple and honest ways of the ancient machine, which the primary law has broken.

laughter and there are tears. But, brethren, consume yourselves no longer with vain regrets. This primary law, by which the old lamented machine has been undone, will stand. The old way, the plain and simple plan, which the authors of this address so long pursued, and for return of which they sigh, never will be restored.

NATIONAL NON-RESISTANCE. Against the territorial expansion of the British Nation no less a voice was stoutly lifted up than that of Macaulay. All that could be said against the expansive principle in the Teutonic civilization was said by him.

One can understand, if but to reject, the view of those in Great Britain and in the United States who look with a mixture of awe and sometimes with alarm on the present march of Anglo-Saxon dominion, whether it overruns the so-called Boer Republics in Africa or the tribes of the Philippine archipelago.

But no correct conclusion can be formed upon this problem in social morphology which does not take into account all the facts; and the most tremendous and compelling fact of all is the irresistible march of Anglo-Saxon dominion, whether it overruns the so-called Boer Republics in Africa or the tribes of the Philippine archipelago.

'What is the moral law that comes into harmony with the aggression of the strong and the submission of the weak? All we know is that in the main the results make for progress. Upon the ruins of every declining material power and social order Nature has written the lesson that no man who knows the life and customs of the Boers could judge them higher than the prevailing order in free England.

Preconceived notions are not the true solution of the riddle of the universe. We should have done by this time with the deductive philosophy that once explained the origin of species and all lesser problems by the axioms of condescension to the weak and the transcendentalist. What would he, he will determine without any regard to what is. No philosophy of life, individual or social, can be adequate which does not arise inductively from the phenomena within reach and in ethnic development there is no phenomenon more pervasive and resistless than that of the expansion of the strong and the elimination of the weak.

As the increase has gone on for a number of years, there would have been an increase in the supply of meat and the number of cattle. If it had not been for this combination between meat packers and meat shippers, which extends from Kansas City to Chicago, through this combination the price paid to farmers has been kept low, so that there has been no increase in the supply of beef and mutton.

How to Beat the Trust. The advance in the price of meat is not exclusively the work of the so-called "meat trust" of Chicago; for it extends back for some years. The following is Bradstreet's table of Chicago prices per pound of live stock and including 1886:

Table with 6 columns: Commodity, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1897, 1893. Rows include Hogs, Beef carcasses, Hog carcasses, Mutton carcasses.

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SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT. President Roosevelt's expressed desire to visit Oregon is a natural one for not a state in the Union has followed his career with greater pride or believed more thoroughly in his courage and honesty.

This action of the Oregon Republicans was thoroughly representative of the sentiment of the state. The people out here have read Mr. Roosevelt's books, followed his career as soldier, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Governor with interest and pride, and have supreme confidence in him as President. They look upon him as a Western man, they recall with pride that Dewey's victory at Manila was largely attributed to Mr. Roosevelt's activity in getting him ordered there, and they are thoroughly in sympathy with his firm stand concerning Pacific expansion.

producers and increases them to consumers. It robs the farmer and it robs the retail butcher. There is no doubt that the Government, through Attorney-General Knox, will enforce the law against this combination, for no party in power could afford to allow this unjust combination of meat packers and meat shippers to work their will.

It is known that at this time President Roosevelt looks toward Oregon with no small degree of interest and concern. Here is the first election in a Northern State since he has assumed the reins of the Government. The Republican vote for Governor and Congressmen and the Republican majority in the Legislature will be the measure of the confidence which the people of Oregon, as he has stood for honesty and efficiency in official life, as he has remained firm in favor of Pacific expansion, he naturally looks to this state for approval of his course.

While the moral force of Attorney-General Stratton's technical victory before the United States Supreme Court is undoubtedly very great, and will have a considerable effect on public opinion both on Wall street and elsewhere, it is nevertheless true that no progress whatever has been made as yet in our struggle with the Northern Securities trust. All that has been accomplished has done and all that it says can have no bearing whatever upon the result of the application. The injunction can be asked for and it will be argued, but what the decision will be nobody knows now any more than before.

Indeed, if a man had to depend upon favorable symptoms in Chief Justice Fuller's opinion, he would despair at once, for the form of it is so guarded as to suggest great anxiety to be added, which, if sustained, will throw the case upon the court. He merely says that the general rule as it is laid down in the case of Louisiana vs. Texas indicates that leave to file should be granted in this case also.

Colonel Charles A. Woodruff, U. S. A., who appears for the defense in the trial of General Jacob H. Smith, U. S. A., at Manila, is well known in Portland, as he was stationed several years at Vancouver Barracks. He is a graduate of West Point, a man of high intelligence, an able and effective speaker. Colonel Woodruff in a recent letter to a friend in this city said that in the Philippine campaign a man of education and intelligence had been convicted before a military court of executing native prisoners by burying them alive.

Violence has not attended strikes thus far this year. This may be taken to indicate the lawful and praiseworthy determination of the workmen to better their condition, as expressed in thorough organization and the selection of competent leaders. The trouble in former years has been largely with the agitation, who are voluble in proclaiming the grievances of labor but barren in intelligent expedients for their abrogation. The demand of labor for its share through reasonable increase of wages, in the prosperity that now prevails, has the indorsement of public opinion. This indorsement its allies cannot afford to forfeit by violence in support of their contention. They understand this fully, and, to the extent that they act in accordance with this knowledge, basing their contention upon the justice of their cause, strikes will be entered upon guardedly as a last resort.

Immigrants, who are rolling into the Pacific Northwest by hundreds daily, have fresh cause to congratulate themselves and each other. A hot wave, borne on the breath of a high wind, has swept Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri recently—the active, vigorous advance guard of a scorching summer. Having gotten out of reach of an April temperature of 95 degrees and into an April temperature of from 50 to 60 degrees, they are glad to see the luxuriant pastures and showers of sufficient frequency to keep the dust down, our homesteaders from the Middle West certainly have cause to feel gratified. Later on, when returns from the cyclone season begin to come in, they will have further cause for satisfaction.

A company with a capital of \$3,000,000 has been organized under the laws of New York to engage in the manufacture of sugar, glucose, grape sugar and syrup from corn. An immense plant with a capacity of 20,000 bushels' daily consumption will be established at some central point in the corn belt of the West. The plan is to produce a standard grade of sugar, which is now produced in various parts of the West, and to ship it to the great centers of population in Kansas City and Chicago. The beet trust has prevented any competition in the retail trade by securing control of the retail trade in every city of the country, forcing butchers to deal exclusively with members of the "trust." The trust, by its control of the supply of the machinery of transportation and distribution, and of the retail trade, has been able to fix prices for meat so high that in the great cities of the East many families are forced to restrict their consumption.

Japan is adopting European forms of architecture, particularly in its business buildings and hotels, the old type of domestic construction not so readily yielding to the spirit of innovation which permeates nearly everything in that enterprising and interesting country. The Government buildings are all of European design, their superiority in the matter of convenience and accommodation being generally conceded. Whatever large structures are hereafter built, whether public or private business, are all sure to be Western type, with up-to-date plumbing, including elevators, electric lights and signals, with the occidental type of janitor boosting the outfit.

STATE POLITICAL DISCUSSION. Penderleton Tribune. The spirits of Bryanism and Simonism have been made one by Oregon Democrats, and his satanic majesty has slung wide open the gates of hades and claims to await its coming on the 31 of June.

Salmon Statestman. The announcement of Stephen A. Lowell that he will bolt the Republican nominee for Governor is characteristic of the man and not at all surprising to the people who know him. This will not be his first bolt, as he is in the habit of employing this kind of tactics when he fails in securing what he wants in a convention. Fortunately, his following, if he has any at all, will be very small, and the general public will not be interested in the slightest degree by his move.

Boise Statesman. The worst thing that ever happened to the Democrats of Oregon was the adoption of this policy (of scuttling) by their party with respect to the Philippines. It may be possible that in some Eastern States it is supported by this Democratic party, but in the West, and particularly among those people whose states are washed by the waves of the Pacific, there is no toleration for the programme marked out by the Democrats in Congress, and followed by the convention of the party in our neighboring state. When the vote shall be taken in Oregon in June, it will be shown what the people think of the flag-fluttering policy of the Democratic party.

The Herald does not believe the people of Oregon will vote in June to turn the machinery of state over to the Democrats and endorse their scuttling policy, which is to surrender unconditionally to the business spirit of a business-making administration has made its impress upon the country. The Republican party stands committed to expansion—the expansion of civilization, of liberty, trade and commerce, and for wider markets. This is a matter which directly affects the Pacific Coast States. As a result of the policy of expansion, the eyes of the country are directed toward the Pacific Coast.

No Republican can afford to stay away from the polls this year. There are issues at stake in the state and county campaign in which you are vitally interested, if you only stop to think of it. The principles of Republicanism are doing great things for the development of Oregon. It is bringing us a rapid and sure corresponding increase in the value of our lands and property, and spreading prosperity to every nook and cranny of the county. Do we want this policy reversed? If we do, we have only to place administration of state and local affairs in the hands of Democracy, and the deed will be done.

Tricky Statesmanship. Chicago Record-Herald. The Senate committee on privileges and elections has reported the resolution for the election of United States Senators by the people by adopting the Dewey amendment. That amendment provides that the qualifications entitling candidates to vote for Senators shall be uniform throughout the country, and that Congress shall have charge of the elections. It is anomalous and irrelevant, and it is in condemnation of the resolution.

Ladies' Home Journal. The climax of all the Americanism we saw in Europe came on the last morning of our stay in Edinburgh when we went to the castle at the proper hour to see the famous Black Watch drill. When the soldiers lined up on the east side of the castle there were just the same old Black Watch to watch them. Instead of drils and halberds, which we went to see, we noticed rifles made in Springfield, from West Point, and when we looked for bayonets and listened to be assured that "The Campbell's Are Coming," we saw the soldiers wearing uniforms out in New York, and playing on instruments bought in Chicago struck up one of Sousa's latest marches.

Innuendo. Chicago Evening Post. When women talk of woman, then we see her at her worst. Not the second, or the third, or the fourth, but the most. When woman talks of woman, there is trouble in the air. Unconsciously, details, but you may be sure it's there.

Modern Buildings in Japan. New York Tribune. Japan is adopting European forms of architecture, particularly in its business buildings and hotels, the old type of domestic construction not so readily yielding to the spirit of innovation which permeates nearly everything in that enterprising and interesting country. The Government buildings are all of European design, their superiority in the matter of convenience and accommodation being generally conceded.

CONAN'S PLAN THE BETTER. New York Evening Post. Mr. Conan's plan presupposes the application of a higher intelligence than we have hitherto bestowed upon the same class of questions at home. It requires also the highest character on the part of the officials placed in charge of the mint and the redemption bureau. The men intrusted with these duties will be far from the scrutinizing gaze of the only public opinion that they fear or care for.

EXANSION IS NOT TYRANNY. Chicago Tribune. Mr. Franklin MacVeagh replies in the new era upon which this country is entering. He does not, like so many of the leaders of the Democratic party, dread the era of America as a world nation. He has this abiding faith which they lack in the ability of the democratic Republic to go out in the world and do good without abandoning one of its democratic principles. He said in his address at the Sheridan Club banquet:

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NOTE AND COMMENT. With the police, everything goes but the bunch man. Some dog owners still think that there was no show at all for their pets.

A medical man is not the kind of a healer that is most acceptable to the Simon crowd. Sometimes butter combines strength and lightness to a degree that would make a bicycle famous.

It is to be hoped that Oregon salmon are more welcome in Germany than German carp are in Oregon. The Simon candidates can certainly allege that they have had a great deal of experience in that capacity.

The prize offered for the albatross race is only \$50,000. It will cost more than that to get the starters up to the judge's stand. The Morgan merger controlling steamships will of course be followed by a sub-merger controlling the Holland torpedo-boats.

Look out for the man who comes back and says he didn't catch any trout. He is either insane, or trying to keep all his fish to himself. Prince Henry has been riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. He seems to have acquired a few Americans while he was over here.

The hurry of preparations for the coronation do not prevent King Edward from having three or four new photographs taken every day. Captain Coghlan has not made public any dispatches from the Kaiser congratulating him on his promotion to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

A New Jersey man has been made a Mandarin by the Sultan of Mindanao. The Sultan probably wants to put his government on a trust basis. Sir Charles Narco, who has been announced as a commissioner of the royal forces in Canada, has been acting as assistant Inspector-General of the lines of communication in South Africa. He is 67 years old, and has seen service in Egypt and South Africa, being mentioned for gallantry during the early battles of the present war.

Ping-pong has arrived in Paris, and society men cannot be anywhere without being lassoed into a game of ping-pong, so they have formed an anti-ping-pong league. The members wear a distinctive button, so that the ladies cannot feel offended when members refuse to play, since they have sworn never to participate in "this foolish, unmanly English pastime."

The sale of a copy of the first edition of Browning's "Pameline" in New York for \$700, has brought out the statement that only 12 copies are now known to be in existence, so that it is one of the rare books of the 19th century. No first editions of modern books have commanded such prices, with the exception of Poë's "Tamerlane," "Al Aznam," and "Murders in the Rue Morgue," which brought, respectively, \$200, \$150 and \$100.

James Pinnoch, the English explorer and traveler, who is visiting Honolulu, says: "When one remembers that it is only three months since the United States, the great republic, has been made in an short a time as simply marvelous. The number of banks, merchants' offices, public schools and colleges give me, as an Englishman, a most exalted idea of what Americans can do when they 'mean it' and put their minds, money and hands to it with a will."

The rush of immigrants to Oregon and Washington is remarkable, and the South Dakota papers report that not since the early '80s has there been such an immigration into that state. The newcomers are largely farmers from Illinois, Iowa and contiguous states of the Mississippi Valley. Lands in South Dakota that sold for \$10 to \$25 an acre two years ago are now commanding \$100 to \$200. The South Dakota papers estimate that there are 50,000 more people in the state than were present a year ago.

There is a bill now before the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce which has already passed the Senate, raising the compensation for district superintendents in the live-saving service to \$2000 a year, with an additional \$500 for the hire of a clerk in cases where the Secretary of the Treasury deems it necessary for any superintendent to employ one. There is another bill now before the same committee which has not yet passed either house, providing for pensions in the live-saving service, corresponding to those in the military. This bill may be found in the reason why the bill has been found in the reason why the bill has been found.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Et Gabriel was for how his trumpet tomorrow, some ear of fault-finders would rise and tell 'em dat his musical education had been neglected.—Atlanta Constitution. I fear Robert is as a wretched creature (follow: I heard him say that he dropped \$8000 in the street yesterday.—Brooklyn Life.

The landlady:—He Boarder—Then don't do my good-by, I can't bear to see any one suffer.—The Herald. And so their marriage turned out unhappily?—Mithred.—Yes, she was a hard-cream-soda drinker, and he married her to reform her.—Judge. I'm sure your engagement with young Fortunate will be a success. I only took him on as a fiancee during Lent, you know.—Chicago Daily News.

Fun.—Lieutenant Lovett (sentimentally).—I've come to say "good-bye." I've been ordered to the Philippines. Miss Gladys—How joyful! I'll be an interesting note to read the name of the killed and wounded.—Philadelphia Press.

A Slight Misunderstanding.—Landlady:—I hope you slept well, Mr. Boarder—No, I didn't. I've been troubled all the evening.—Landlady:—Look here, my dear man, we're so used to your going for every one you find in that bed—Funch. Bertha:—I can't say that we are positively engaged, but it amounts to the same thing. My husband asked me if I was going to make him the happiest man in the world. Merry:—But how do you know, dear, he didn't say he wanted you to release him altogether?—Boston Transcript.

Odious Comparisons.—There is a certain Scotch minister in a West Highland parish who has never yet been known to permit a stranger to occupy his pulpit.