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Carry new life to a rich and inviting region. If the latest court decision does not end the case the litigants will do themselves and the state credit by getting together out of court as the railroad people did.

WHEAT CROP AND TONNAGE. The Government crop report for the month of October, so far as it pertains to Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is fully as incorrect and worthless as most of its predecessors.

TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair, with fog during the morning. Tomorrow's WEATHER—Minimum temperature, 60 degrees; maximum temperature, 45 degrees; no precipitation.

BEFORE THE DAYS OF ABRAHAM.

A discovery that is pronounced the greatest in archeology that has been vouchsafed to man has been made by Professor Hilprecht of the University of Pennsylvania. He has just returned from Babylon, where he found the oldest library in the world, so far as yet known, a library that was in existence at least 5000 years ago, and probably much farther back.

These clay books are being deciphered slowly and many years must necessarily elapse before the record they hold is given to the world. More than 20,000 tablets have been removed from this ancient depository of learning but lately unearthed in Babylon, and it is estimated that six times as many more remain in the mounds which have not yet been excavated.

THE PARTY PLATFORM. Party issues in many of the states have been duly "formulated" for the Fall campaign. This has been done through rewriting political platforms, a work which gives little opportunity for a clear distinction through the presentment of original ideas.

For the general good of the Deschutes Valley it is to be hoped that legislation over the title to the Oregon King mining property is ended. With that matter settled there is a reasonable prospect of immediate extension of the Columbia Southern Railroad to the Trout Creek mining district and thence to the rich country between the upper courses of the Deschutes. The railroad will probably go there anyway, for the development agencies at work in that section of the state will force transportation accommodations from some quarter, but it is likely to be much slower in advancing for "general development" than in going after a definite, guaranteed traffic like that offered by the Oregon King mine.

Policeman L. G. Carpenter is to be tried tonight before the Board of Police Commissioners to answer the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer, growing out of the recent arrest of William Riggs. The history of this case is that Carpenter was summoned into a Burnside-street saloon to quell a disturbance and that he was asked by one of the persons in charge of the saloon to eject Riggs.

Which is the Most Reasonable? Indianapolis News. Here are some fundamental facts of the anthracite situation: The men have as good a right—the same right—to combine as the mine owners. The men have the same right to declare on what terms they will accept employment as the operators to say on what terms they will give employment.

The other hand, the President, having said so much, Republican platform writers were relieved of great perplexity and enabled to take refuge in silence on the subject on the ground that enough had been said by his leader to make plain the temper of the party upon this point.

Good Work at Corvallis. More than ever before the farmers and other taxpayers of Oregon regard the State Agricultural College as an institution of practical value. Each year they have a more kindly feeling for the school at Corvallis. They are reading the Experiment Station bulletins, putting into practice the teachings of the Agricultural College professors, and learning that farming is more of a science than they supposed it to be.

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What High-Priced Coal Means. Medford Southern Oregonian. Twenty-one dollars a ton for coal, the price demanded in a town for which it is about equal to \$12 a cord for oak or ash wood, a ton of coal giving the heat of a cord and a half or two cords of hard wood.

Something Always in the Way. Baker City Democrat. Eastern Republican newspaper correspondents are correct in their opinion that it is fortunate that this is not a Presidential year, in which event there would be a strong likelihood of Democratic victory.

A Hero, but Silent About It. Medford Mail. Oregon should do something handsome in the way of a testimonial to Admiral Clark. He is entitled to it. He is about the only officer who participated in the battle of Santiago who has not mixed up more or less of the credit of the victory with a true American sailor he did his duty when the occasion arose, and left it to the other fellows to quarrel about it afterward.

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SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. Sympathy Given When Needed. Shamokawa Eagle. We are sick and tired of that miserable twaddle, "Laugh and you will weep and you will weep and you will laugh."

Dairy Industry Should Be Aided. Salem Statesman. The Dairy and Cattle Commission says it needs a larger appropriation. If so, he should have it. Nothing should be withheld that will do good for this state.

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Let the President Repeat the Pittsfield Speech. Atlanta Journal. Now, if President Roosevelt will say to the coal operators what he said to that Pittsfield motorman, the public will forgive him.

People Must Have Coal. Boston Traveler. The people want and must have the anthracite coal which is lying dormant in Pennsylvania. The coal barons refuse to produce it. We wait the President's further action.

Roosevelt to Be Commended. Indianapolis News. President Roosevelt is to be commended for his attempt to settle the strike. His statement was wise, calm and temperate. It was worthy of more respectful and considerate treatment than it received from the representatives of the coal roads.

The People Will Back Roosevelt. Springfield (Mass.) Union. We have nothing but regret at the failure of the conference to end the coal strike. We believe that the people stand behind President Roosevelt and will support him in the next step that he takes to compel the opening of the mines and the prevention of suffering.

The Miners Should Preserve Peace. Buffalo Courier. The wisest possible course for the striking miners now will be to exert themselves for the preservation of the peace. They have the public sympathy in greater measure than at any time before the rejection of Mitchell's proposition at the conference called by the President, and should do nothing to alienate it.

Roosevelt Well Represents the People. Brooklyn Eagle. The man of sense, of vision, of patience, and of patriotism, was never more needed than he is today. The President is that kind of man that the people as a whole are that kind of people. The President in this thing well represents them and they in this thing are with the President.

What Do the People Think of the Operators? Rochester Union and Advertiser. Never before has a President of the United States made such a humiliating appeal to a body of men as President Roosevelt made to the coal operators, and the operators spurned the appeal.

Has the Public Ceased to Be a Matter of Concern? Columbus Dispatch. For the President's statement of the public interest in a prompt settlement of the strike there can be nothing but praise. It was pertinent and strong, and should have had weight with all whom he addressed.

Coal Barons as Conquerors. Fort Wayne Sentinel. The President took the first great step in the direction of peace, and most admirably did he acquire himself to the task. But the effort came to naught. The coal barons whom he invited to a conference defied the people and insulted the President.

Attack the Railroads and Hit the Barons. Buffalo Express. So far as is now apparent the only course which the Administration can take is to attack the coal-carrying railroads. It is generally believed to be the real owners of the coal properties, through the interstate commerce law, or the aged coal combine under the anti-trust law.

Public Will Laud His Efforts. Denver News. Despite political bias, every citizen will applaud President Roosevelt for his effort to bring relief to the people who are suffering from the coal famine.

Public Will Thank Roosevelt. Troy Record. The President knew that he had no power to compel settlement, but that to the good sense and humanity of the parties to the strife to hasten a settlement which would relieve the distressing coal famine.

President's Failure to Be Regretted. Albany Journal. That President Roosevelt's earnest, well-intentioned effort failed is to be deeply regretted, but regret will in no wise detract from popular appreciation of his high office and of his people.

Roosevelt No Official Weakling. Des Moines Daily Capital. The operators should have sense enough to realize that it is no official weakening when they are asked to deal. President Roosevelt is a man of resources and will not stop until every legitimate means has been exhausted.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. A Teacher's Lesson. October's planting rays come down. On Autumn's dry and chilled leaves; They softly rest on prairie brown, And garner sheaves.

As through the schoolroom door I gaze, While evening shadows lengthen fast, I seem to hear a song of days Forever past.

The solemn, faithful sowing-time To genial gun and kindly rain; The quiet, hopeful waiting-time For ripened grain.

A lesson I may never forget These memories to me impart. My time of sewing lingers yet In childhood's heart.

Ah, careless one, thy labor sows A seed the years shall keep in store. To good or ill the harvest grows Forevermore!

Bre'r Baer forgot his troubles and occupied the front pew yesterday. The coal strike doesn't seem to have affected the Nehalem out-pat-a-great deal. None of the street railways is opposed to the new charter; but meanwhile, etc., etc.

We trust Butte will take that pennant home via Seattle, and let 'em at least look at it. As an umpire for the coal strike, public opinion seems to be one that won't stand any bullying.

There are still a few people in Portland who could have built a better charter with their little hammer. In their spectacular progress from the pennant to the cellar, fourth place looks good to the Portland team.

We suppose that Bre'r Baer expects to have when he dies to the place where there is no concern about the coal supply. We shudder to think what might have happened to the Portland team if the season had not ended till Christmas.

They are beginning to suspect in England that the Bible is not infallible. And yet they have no Sunday newspapers. It will be observed that the Law Enforcement League is doing all its worrying about the violation of Sunday laws through an attorney.

Evanson, Ill., has a scissor guild composed of boys and girls, who clip pictures and mottos in their leisure hours and send them to sick children. Some of the Tammany men do not seem to think that Bird E. Coler is a very strong candidate for Governor. "He's a lightweight," said one of these gentlemen. "Why, if Coler was dropped from a 3-story building tied to a cotton thread he wouldn't be heavy enough to straighten out the kinks."

The Revue Hebdomadaire describes a rare bird among publishers, Albert Savine, who in seven years spent \$100,000 in producing works by Deen, Bjornson, Verga and other foreign authors. For which, at the time, there was little demand in France. For more than two years he paid \$50 a month to a French author who is now famous, but whose books did not then yield \$100 a year. As two London omnibuses met, one driver took from his pocket a key ring and dangled one key from it at arm's length, while both he and the driver of the other bus went into peals of laughter. The inquisitive passenger could not refrain from asking the cause of so much mirth. "Oh, that is a little joke Bill and 'as," the Jehu answered. "Bill allus larks when 'e sees the key that way. Bill's father, 'e was 'anged."

The Kaiser has a fine sense of humor. When General Young was presented to him on the Templehof Field, the Kaiser, who speaks perfect English, asked him if he had ever visited Germany before. General Young replied: "I have never visited this part." The Emperor inquired what part he had visited, whereupon General Young replied: "I have visited St. Louis, Cincinnati and Milwaukee." The Emperor roared with laughter at the reply, and took General Young to the Empress, to whom he repeated the witticism.

Dennis A. Reardon is Boston's most remarkable blind man. He has been sightless for 30 years, but he is a successful architect, and buys all the goods for the Perkins Institute. Mr. Reardon is the architect of 15 completed buildings designed for the Perkins Institute. By passing his fingers over the tracing paper he is able to feel the lines, so sensitive is his touch, and he can tell whether the idea has been carried out as he intended. Mr. Reardon carries a watch without a crystal, and is never at a loss to know the time.

The Major looked up from his dinner to remark: "The rained me of the time my friends Merger and Sutton were riding uptown in a Fifth Avenue crowded bus. A woman got in, though she could see every seat was filled, and began to look scorn at the men who were seated. 'Finally Merger nudged Sutton, 'Why don't you give the lady your seat?' he said. 'And, of course, it caused a great laugh in the bus.'"

The Major returned to his dinner amid an expectant silence which gradually resigned itself to uncertain laughter. He was worried, but evidently could not imagine why his joke had fallen flat. In a moment, however, he looked up and remarked, drily: "Perhaps I forgot to mention that Sutton was seated in Merger's lap."

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. He—'I would die for you! She—How much is your life insurance?—Philadelphia Bulletin. Popularity is one thing, notoriety is another; but if you can't be popular, get notorious—don't be ignored.—Baltimore News. "Wonder what Brown wants to make him a successful author? 'Nothing but a story, tell, and brains to tell it.'—Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. Stratton—A wile to see Indiana drink so, let it! I'll bet Pete—You bet it's a clear waste of good liquor.—Chicago Daily News. Beryl—That odious Ethel has made one man happy. Sibyl—Promised to marry Jack Downing? No; refused to marry him.—Baltimore Herald. "Fidelity is no disgrace," said the young woman with ideas of her own. "No," said Mrs. Cumrocks. "It's no disgrace to see it's a certain extremely unfashionable."—Washington Star. First Decorator—I advised him to have his house decorated during his wife's absence as a surprise. Second Decorator—Good! They've had to do it all over again when she gets back.—Life. Holden—"I tell you what, Harry, I wish I had enough money to relieve all the distress amongst the poor people of this town. Some—A generous wish. Holden—You see, I had all that money, I'd be able to live like a fighting cock all the rest of my life.—Boston Transcript. Mrs. Hissy—I am so sorry to hear that your husband has been kicked out of the grocery. You again, Casey. Where did he hit you? Casey—Faith, ma'am! That's what he did to you complain' av. 'Twas a whole set av dishes broke to pieces an' the silver hit me waist.—Brooklyn Life.