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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19. THE HARRIMAN SYSTEM. First of all things that Oregon wants and needs, in the way of internal development, is a railroad across Middle Oregon.

Such line, through the middle of the state, would throw out laterals right and left, or north and south, covering or reaching every important locality.

There is reason to believe that construction of the Nehalem-Tillamook Railroad is now assured. The positive announcement will soon come.

LET THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. "The facts speak for themselves," says Pilot Commissioner Noland in a communication to the Oregonian regarding the depth of water in progress at the mouth of the Columbia River.

THE BRITISH STEAMSHIP COULSDON. drawing twenty-five feet one inch, according to surveyor's certificate, left Portland Tuesday morning, reached Astoria the same evening, and passed on out to sea yesterday without encountering any difficulty whatever.

THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW ANYTHING OF. Professor David Starr Jordan, in a communication to The Oregonian, still clings to his theory that the fur seals are disappearing because of the over-hunting of the pelagic seals.

having the proper qualifications. The present controversy has had one good result. It has taught the Portland business men, who are most vitally interested in the depth of water on the Columbia bar, that reform of the most drastic nature is needed in the present law regarding pilotage matters.

IT IS A REAL QUESTION. It is alleged, of course, that "all things considered," the Ladd bid for water-pipe was lowest. It is argued, of course, that the preference given to the Ladd bid will "keep money at home."

Every transaction of this nature puts up a plea of like description. But in the long run the method, the process, the system, results in further augmentation and increase of fortunes and estates already plethoric and opulent.

Control of the sources of power in city, county and state, of all official action and of public financial operations, lies at the basis of the scheme. It is necessary to satisfactory results and to complete success, that power may be had over official action.

Beginning has been made in Portland. It is to be extended, if possible, to the affairs of the state. If not checked, it will be the beginning of unbroken plutocratic control.

ROOSEVELT IN SOUTHLAND. President Roosevelt began his Southern tour with a little speech at Richmond, Va., on the "Confederacy" and the site of Libby Prison.

It is universal that you are to be on your guard against the man who wears his "righteousness" on his sleeve. The Oregonian thinks Mayor Williams as honest a man as Mayor Lane, and far a blarber one.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK SHOW. This project has been seriously considered in the planning of the show of the recent show at the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. LADD FROM THE WATER BOARD IS OPPORTUNE AND BRILLIANT. It is one of those brave resignations effected under fire.

JOKE ON THE DOCTOR. A Baltimore physician says that recently he boarded a Charles-street car that was sadly overcrowded.

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Slope, including those of British Columbia and Western Canada. This city has shown that it has special advantages of railroad transportation, and that it can handle satisfactorily a large enterprise of this nature.

SEIZURE OF TIMBER CLAIMANTS. One of the facts brought out at the recent trial of Jones and Poter in connection with timber land claimed by homesteaders by old soldiers at the installation of these defendants has not yet found its way.

THE MANAGEMENT HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM SHERIFF WORD THAT HE WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE CHARIOT RACING IN "BEN HUR."

A YOUTHFUL FINANCIER. Father Bill took Little Willie to church last Sunday. It was the boy's first visit to the sanctuary, and he seemed greatly interested.

GRAND DUKE CYRIL, son of Vladimir, has been disgraced and stripped of his imperial titles and honors by his cousin, the Czar, because of his marriage to Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the divorced wife of the Grand Duke of Hesse.

BEWARE ALWAYS OF THE MAN WHO PRATES OF CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS AND professes to be better than his neighbor. The Oregonian's experience is somewhat extended; but it hasn't heard yet of anybody who has confidence in the Pharisee.

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When is this persecution of "Our Best Citizens" to stop? August Erickson might just as well be a common member of Congress for all the immunity he enjoys at the hands of our courts.

By all means let us turn the bridge piers into signboards and then paint a soda ad on "The Coming of the White Man," fly whiskey banners from the Court-house flagstaff and put a mammoth pill placard on the summit of Mount Hood.

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Paul Morton now favors publicity as a remedy for the ills of corporation mismanagement. He was not so keen on the subject a few months ago.

It is apparent from Taft's remarks about Alice Roosevelt's gaudy gifts that an excellent pawnbroker was spotted to make a tolerably fair Secretary of War. Stuff the Crown Princess should pay that duty.

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How Kansan Floored Republican Leader in Wordy Combat. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 18.—Alas, poor Jerry; he'll never see his like again.

That thought has occurred to every man who served in Congress with Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, and to every man who knew Simpson and watched his brief but stormy career in the House of Representatives.

Jerry Simpson belonged to the "freak" class of Congressmen, yet, unlike most freaks who have found their way into the National Legislature, he left a lasting impression behind him; he not only made a host of friends (for everybody liked him in spite of his eccentricities), but he established a record as a debater which no other man in the freak class ever had.

Jerry Simpson was a product of Populism and yet his first election to Congress was brought about by the combined vote of Populists and Democrats.

Simpson was a nervous, high-strung man, a quick thinker and a ready talker. Many a time he would smart under the lash of the oratorical Populists who were always ready with a reply. He had a keen sense of humor and a boundless store of wit, which he used to good advantage.

Simpson's most notable achievement in debate was a tilt with Dingley, an event widely chronicled at the time, in which the high silk hat of the Maine statesman figured prominently. The House was in a mellow mood; members on both sides of the party aisle were making free-and-easy speeches about the merits of that, and heaping apology upon apology, in a half-sarcastic manner.

Mr. Simpson continued. During this session I have watched with considerable interest the career of that hat. It has been to me an indication whether or not there would be harmony in the Republican ranks. We all know that the position came up requiring the unity of the Republican party, they always rallied around the distinguished gentleman from Maine; but, if he went on the stump, he would be obliged to his committee-room—he left his hat on the desk; and in the absence of that honorable gentleman, that hat became the rallying point of the Republican party.

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REACH HIGHEST RANK. Two Oregon Men Elected Third Degree Masons. WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The supreme council for the Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite Masons, today considered the report of the committee on nominations, and after a few hours session adjourned until tomorrow.

California—Joseph David Abraham, Robert Kneeland Dunn, William Park Fillmore, all of San Francisco; John M. Taylor, William Schuyler Moses, Morris Strickland, Frank Chester Van Hook, Edwin Winslow Weldner and William Rhoads Horsey, Los Angeles.

There were 23 knights commander of the court of honor elected, Admiral Schuyler and Governor Alva Adams, of Colorado, were among the number. The committee on nominations reported the committee on Jurisdiction, requiring members to be citizens of the United States.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Frank Warburton & Co. today announced the sale of the steamer Garonne to a Genoese syndicate. The boat has been delivered.

After a Varied Service She Goes to Genoa. The Garonne was the American ship which took most of the Port Arthur refugees and a large number of soldiers home from Port Arthur.

COULSDON GOES OUT EAST. Drawing Twenty-Five Feet, Six Inches. Crosses Bar Safely. ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The British steamship Coulsdon crossed out at high tide this afternoon, 88 was drawing 25 feet, and was taken out by Pilot Matthews, who is now the pilot schooner.

WILL FIGHT FOR HER SON. Mrs. Taggart Prepares for Long Struggle in Court. WOOSTER, O., Oct. 18.—That Mrs. Grace Taggart will make a long fight for the custody of her sons, Culver and Charles, was made apparent today by Captain Taylor, one of the attorneys for Mrs. Taggart, gave notice of appeal from judgment of Judge Eason as to the custody of the boys and a bond of \$100,000 was furnished so as to take the matter to the Circuit Court. The Ohio law, which gives a child of 10 or over the right to elect with which parent he prefers to live, is to be made the basis of the appeal.

CHINESE ARMY MANEUVER. Yuan Shi Kai Will Show Off His Modern Soldiers. TIENSIN, Oct. 18.—Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai and staff started yesterday morning for the army maneuvers, which are to be held in the neighborhood of Paoching from October 23 to October 26. The foreign attaches, representatives of all the powers and press correspondents left this morning.

MOORISH BRIGADS STILL HOLD BRITISH PRISONERS FOR RANSOM. TANGIER, Oct. 18.—The report that the two British marine officers captured by Moroccan tribesmen had been released is untrue.

DEATH OF CASPER H. BAUMER. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The funeral of Casper H. Baumer, formerly of Portland, Or., who died yesterday afternoon, aged 76, will be held tomorrow afternoon from his residence. He is survived by one son, Henry H. Baumer, and two daughters, Mrs. Emma Broetje and Mrs. Anna M. Wobbe.

TOGO AND HIS OFFICERS WORKSHIP. FOKIO, Oct. 18.—A report from Yamada says that Vice-Admiral Togo, accompanied by the Admirals and Captains of his fleet, was in Fokio yesterday afternoon, unannounced, proceeded to the great temple today at Ise, where they worshipped. The sight was impressive.

JERRY SIMPSON HAS QUIET DAY. WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 18.—At 11 o'clock tonight ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson was sleeping soundly. He passed a quiet day in his home, and a family arrived this morning from Roswell, N. M.