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MR. TAFT AT TUSKEGEE. The anniversary of the Tuskegee Institute are events of National importance, for they mark the progress of the application of a great idea by a great man to the solution of problems underlying the mental, moral and economic welfare of the negro race.

GERMANY'S FORCED CONTENTMENT. The deep contentment and satisfaction expressed by Germany over the result of the Algeiras conference are of the type displayed by the fox in the fable. Losing his caudal appendage by a mishap, the sly creature proceeded to convey to his fellow foxes the great joy he was experiencing through no longer being bothered with a tail.

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM. Carefully-considered measures for speeding the mails from heavy matter that makes them so enormously expensive before Congress seeking recognition.

THE RIVAL PLATFORMS. The two rival platforms contain clear and definite promises touching all the important issues which are up for discussion, with a few exceptions. Let us deal with the exceptions first.

THE SILVER LINING. Many a man is a dummy. Many a man is fast. Many a man is a snob. Many a man is a hypocrite. Many a man is a coward. Many a man is a thief. Many a man is a miser.

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Family life has been unstable among the negroes because they have not yet acquired the concept and secure ownership of private property. Fidelity to the marriage bond depends upon the will, ability and opportunity to earn a livelihood. Where individual ownership of property is absent, sexual morality is always unstable. This is no more true of negroes than of whites.

MONEY THAT NOBODY WANTS. Consider the singular dilemma of Portland's City Treasurer. He has on hand something less than \$1,000,000 in cash, which he doesn't know what to do with. He cannot keep it in the public vaults because they are not perfectly secure, and the risk is therefore too great.

THE WINDS ARE AGAIN ROLLING IN. The wind drums are again rolling in South Africa, and Pietermaritzburg, the Tagela River and all the rest of the historic names are again trooping into the news pages. This time it is rebellious Zulus under a recently deposed chief who have sent the British long letter to the wild African.

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THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE. The provision looking to this object declares that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person entitled under the law to the use of a frank to lend such frank or permit its use by any committee, organization or association. It might with justice and in common decency go farther and forbid its use by members of Congress in transporting their household effects and other personal belongings under official frank.

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IN THE OREGON COUNTRY. Department of the Interior. Bohemia Nugget. Your Sunday digest will not be complete without a good pie.

Arbor Days. Thursday, April 12, is Arbor Day in Washington; Friday, April 13, in Oregon; and Friday, April 15, in Idaho.

Make a Change. Bohemia Nugget. The subscription to your home paper is the one you always get just when you pay your debts, but make a change.

Getting Next to Nature. Spry Courier. Never in the history of politics have the candidates made such liberal use of the weekly papers in their desire to come before the voters throughout the State of Oregon.

The Amenities in Bunchgrass. Pendleton Tribune. A few snapshots photographs of the editor and other members of the Republican machine of this city, as they led gamblers to the polling places in the city election just passed, would be interesting to the voters of the county.

Englishman, Likely. Ashland Tidings. It's amusing to note the space devoted to the review of the Game Laws by the Portland daily newspapers. Why not revive some of the other dead languages? But most of us are interested in the endeavor to speak and write United States with precision and accuracy.

Advice to the Young. Corvallis Gazette. The incident of Sunday night, in which a quartet of boys threw eggs at an evangelist as he passed along the street, was wrong. The fact that the minister has said some things better left unsaid is not justification. If one doesn't like a preacher, the thing to do is not to go to hear him.

An Object Lesson. Corvallis Times. In a college hill orchard last season, by spraying with a lead apple crop was redeemed from codling moth. With apples now selling at \$1 per box or 20 cents per dozen, what an appeal the codling moth is to farmers to get their orchards and bring them into bearing healthy, wholesome fruit.

What the Grape Can Do. The inviolable grape seed can produce other results than appendicitis. A. H. Carson, Horticultural Commissioner of the Southern Oregon district, has just finished the finest farm residence in that part of the state, fully paid for by the sale of grapes. Last Fall he shipped them by the carload to the vaudeville arc barns and is reaping \$20,000 in profit. His ambition is to have a 100-acre vineyard.

Heugh! Heugh! Pendleton Tribune. Eastern Oregon will gain more justice from the heavy delegations of the Western slope if the treatment accorded them is courteous than if they are designated as "swine" and "public grafters." If they be swine, the animal is more congenial and easier driven when his back is scratched than when he is belabored with a knotted club.

Those Portland Preachers. Walls Walls Bulletin. This surely is the limit. What a toboggan slide from the Sermon Olivet to this sample of sensational talk! Talk about the theater! In comparison with such rot the vaudeville acts of the vaudeville are less pastimes. The married clergyman who will argue against marriage while shyly insinuating that there will be rows at home, may be a noted divine, but he is certainly no preacher. We admit that he would prove a drawing card for the Barnum tent.

Dodging the Collector. These are days of joy for the Walls Walls deputy assessors. One of them escaped to assume a band of 600 call boys next the state line, but was told another deputy had assessed them. Then the stock was run into Oregon, and a deputy this side of the line was told they had been assessed. When they are caught, a third deputy was given the same "con" talk. At the end of the week the deputies compared notes, and now the Assessor says he'll get the tax money if it takes the rest of his term.

They Boiled the Baby. When the infant child of Mr. Haws, who lives on the Mathis ranch near Spray, grows up it will keep away from the "jug cure." When it came time to bathe the child last week, the parents put it in a pan of water and to keep off the chill set pan and all on the stove, thinking the fire would keep the water from getting cold. The poor child was hurriedly brought in, and the baby has been taken to Condor for treatment.

The Idaho Schoolmaster. New Plymouth Idahoan. The best spellers are often puzzled by the combinations of the letters e or le. They wish to write a word in which the combination occurs, but they cannot remember whether the e or the l comes first. But there is a very simple rule that may be relied on to remove all doubt; it should follow the consonants c and s in consecutive letters. There are two exceptions, however, that should be borne in mind, the words seve and siege.

Gosh! Roseburg Review. Sometime, sometime, it may be soon, it may be later, but sometime, strangers will come among us seeking nature's assistance in the establishment of the means of production, and the religiously undisturbed and care-free Unquippus will be forever aroused and pressed into constant and helpful service, annually, hourly, momentarily increasing the wealth of him who caused her arrest. And yet we sit upon her banks with perfectly composed thoughts, dreaming away our privileges, neglecting our opportunities, and denying our capabilities without so much as a beckoning smile to stay the onward tread of the fleeing, retreating river.

Arising From Her Ashes. Exchange. According to the figures of the Baltimore Sun of this city, Baltimore has business plans and undertakings involving an expenditure of \$228,000,000, to which the merchants and property-owners contribute \$120,000,000, the people \$50,000,000 and the corporations about \$58,000,000. Of the \$58 lbs burned over by its fire of two years ago, building permits covering \$29 have been issued. As in the case of Boston, the fire of 1871 and of Boston's in 1872, the valuation of the burned district is increased largely in Baltimore, the gain being put at fully \$100,000,000.

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