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THE PREDICTED REACTION.

Bewailing editorially the shortcomings of the Fifty-ninth Congress, the New York Sun observes that it was "most remarkable for the cooperation of both Democratic and Republican parties in the extension of Federal control over interstate business."

The legislation itself was far less remarkable than the way it was passed. Of all the measures for the public good not one was enacted by Congress of its own volition.

It characterizes the rate bill, the pure food law and the meat inspection act as the outcome of a "crisis" for Government regulation of interstate business.

Which is the crazier? Does anybody suppose that the fathers of the Nation inserted the interstate commerce clause simply to ornament the Constitution with a picturesque phrase?

According to the Sun, we should escape the monstrous evil of "centralization" which it thinks is descending upon us like a wolf on the fold.

United States; still the ragged plumes of the scarecrow continue to flutter in breeze, and the hoarse voice of the antediluvian Democrat shrieks his incessant protest.

Nothing could flatter The Oregonian more than to be asked its opinion on a point of law by a man of Mr. S. B. Huston's legal eminence.

The falsehoods which he quotes as examples are singularly exasperating specimens. It would be hard to imagine anything more desperately disgraceful than to run for the State Senate in 1900 on a free-silver Democratic ticket.

Nor does it seem exactly libelous to accuse a candidate of never going to church. Of course all good men go to church, but candidates are not generally supposed to be good men.

To conclude, we should advise Mr. Huston to consult his personal comfort and let these matters pass without political comment.

PORTLAND STILL LEADS. The official returns for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, show conclusively that Portland still retains her position as the greatest distributing point in the Northwest for foreign goods.

Both Seattle and Tacoma have much more frequent steamship service than Portland, and perhaps handle more Oriental freight.

Official statements of this nature, showing with cold, unbiased facts and figures the actual amount of business handled at the ports, are for the business man more valuable than pages of flatterous boom literature ornamented with feebly and wonderfully-made statistical purporting to convey conclusions not at all warranted by the facts.

Portland perhaps displays more modesty than some of her competitors in revealing to the world facts of this nature, but they are gradually becoming understood, and when they are brought before the public in the form of official reports which it is impossible to "pad,"

they convey a deeper significance than is possible in straight boom literature, such as occasionally makes Seattle the greatest shipping port on the face of the earth.

MURDER AS A FINE ART.

Strange as it may seem, repulsive and incongruous as we may think it, there is reason to believe that Esther Mitchell thought she was performing a religious duty when she shot her brother.

Whole nations for many ages have craved what they thought was God with rites more gross than anything reported of Creffield's followers.

The Suez is a great marine highway, and an endless procession of deep-water shipping is continually passing through it.

A Kansas City telegraphist testified under oath that he started in the business of making ice with a capital of \$600 and the following year succeeded in making clear profit of \$100,000.

Not long ago this country, and especially New York City, expressed in a rather forcible way an opinion of Maxim Gorky.

For several years during the period of reconstruction Judge George H. Williams was Attorney-General of the South.

The 190 members of the National Guard who spent a week in a rifle competition at Salem were serving their country faithfully, but undoubtedly some of the farmers up the Valley were looking on them better if they were pitching hay.

Being assured once more of an audience, Mr. Bryan is very busy with pen and voice, and his great boom has slipped back several inches.

Free silver would have been all right, if, etc., says Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan would better drop the "if" from his campaign.

Lincoln, from the standpoint of a man accustomed to view political and passing events through the understanding of the Southerner.

A type that Nature wills to plan but once in all a people's years—is presented in the name of Lincoln and it will bear the study of generations.

M. Pugliese-Conti, whose name has a kind of prizing sound, engaged in a fist fight in the Paris Chamber of Deputies yesterday, and as a result sent a special agent with white tie and tailed coat to fight a duel with some other excitable Frenchman.

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When a Love Letter Is a Will, Philadelphia Press. A loveletter, which Miss Florence M. Crawford declares is equivalent to a will and should give her possession of an estate valued at \$200,000.

Nurses for Ocean Steamers, Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette. A sea career is opening up for several hundred nurses. The German Hospital, New York City, has already written two graduate nurses on the application of the Hamburg-American line for service on two of its largest vessels—the America and the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.

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MR. BRYAN NO LONGER YOUNG.

Boy Orator at First, but Now Adept at Political Game, Cincinnati Enquirer. How often has regret been expressed that a kitten, if it escapes the pond in its infancy, must some day become a cat.

The Hon. William J. Bryan is no longer a kitten in politics. He is grown up. Time was when he was regarded as one as open, in his eloquent innocence as Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, and as incapable of animosity or cold calculation as Mr. Fairbanks, of the same state.

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Indeed, may we not say, in all good nature and appreciation, that the son of Nebraska, schooled in the college of experience, smiles on the situation with all the blandness of the cat which had eaten the canary?

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WHAT SHOULD MR. HUSTON DO?

Consults The Oregonian as to Possible Libel Suits. HILLSBORO, Or., July 12.—(To the Editor)—I was much interested in the discussion between Governor Geer on one side and The Oregonian on the other on the question of criticism of public men by the press.

My object in writing this communication, however, is to ask The Oregonian's opinion upon a kindred question, to wit: Should a newspaper deliberately publish falsehoods about a man, whether he be a public or a private citizen, should the injured party ignore the matter, or should he invoke the law and cause the indictment and punishment of the editor?

To put it correctly, during the recent primary campaign the Salem Journal, the Tillamook Headlight, and other papers, published a statement that I ran for the State Senate in 1900 on a free silver Democratic ticket, when many other failed.

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SOME FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

First and foremost, all the world's news by Associated Press, special correspondents and members of the Oregonian staff, making the fullest and most complete record of any Pacific Coast newspaper.

MAXIM GORKY'S EXCORIATION OF NEW YORK CITY

The great Russian reformer and novelist will tell what he thinks of the United States in general and New York City in particular. This is a vigorous, bitter article published in advance of Appleton's Magazine, for which it was written, by special arrangement with the Appleton house.

WHEN JUDGE WILLIAMS WAS ARBITER FOR ENTIRE SOUTH

His recollections of political life Judge Williams has written nothing more interesting than the chapter to be published tomorrow. It traces the reconstruction period, when Grant as President turned over to him as Attorney-General the arbitration of all political differences, often involving human life.

OREGON FRUIT FARM MAN-AGED BY A YOUNG WOMAN

It is only 12 miles from Portland, and produced the cheese which was first prize at the recent Salem Fair. Its mistress is Miss Clara Welch, who personally supervises and tends the work on the place. The daily life is well described by Miss Anne Shannon Monroe and pictured by a staff photographer.

WHEN THE FRENCH GIRL DIPS INTO THE SEA

She doesn't dress as they do at Clatsop or North Beach, and until she reaches the water she protects herself from gaze with Miss Anne Shannon Monroe's dresses differently from maidens. A correspondent on the Normandy says she tells all about the recreation and sends characteristic pictures.

RUINED CASTLES OF AMERICAN CLIFF DWELLERS

Professor W. H. Holmes, through a special Washington correspondent, furnishes interesting details of the crumbling pueblos and cave dwellings of America's earliest race, which will soon be preserved in a "National park" together with some photographs never before published.

HOW A BACHELOR WOULD MIND A BABY

Frank Barkley Copley, a writer in the Outing Magazine, has called attention to methods based on the experience of New York hospitals on 6000 infants. His plan will shock every old-fashioned mother.

A TELEPHONE THAT RECORDS SPEECH

The newest electrical invention is a device that stores conversation on a wire and then talks back. The inventor, a woman, has tried the process, but in making it practical he was aided by American experts.

SUSAN CLEGG AND HER FRIEND MRS. LATHROP

The village philosopher tells of the relations of the two women to a woman's convention and the trail of consequential worries.

WHEN SENATOR PETTUS WAS AN ARGONAUT

The oldest man in Congress, Senator Edmund W. Pettus, of Alabama, tells of his horseback journey in '49 across the continent in search of gold.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Every reader of The Sunday Oregonian knows that he can depend on the editor's reports and full account of events in sportland. No other paper in the Northwest is in a position to cover this field so thoroughly.

SOCIETY, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

Although society life in the city is becoming more quiet because of the departure of many to the Summer resorts, there is still much of interest going on.

WHERE THE SUMMER COLONIES ARE FORMING

While the mercury has been rising in Portland and throughout the state, many have escaped the heat by journeying to the Oregon and Washington beaches.

SOCIETY LIFE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

In the usual letter from Washington, D. C., Grace Porter Hopkins gives some interesting items about the people who are at present in the public eye.

THEATRICAL GOSSIP OF NEW YORK

Some of the dangers which threaten girls who would win honors by their journeying to the country's great metropolis are discussed in the letter from Emille Frances Bauer.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

James O'Neill's manager tells of the manager of a repertoire company who found to his dismay, that his little Eva—"Little Eva is ill. You must double in the part."