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can never get away for a day. It is probably true that dairying restricts a farmer's liberty more than grainraising or hograising, or fruitgrowing, but it may be laid down as a general rule that the man who makes a success of any enterprise will find himself tied pretty close to the treadmill. The man who can and does leave his work when he feels like it, sooner or later, leave it for all time.

Because of the interest Oregon has in this industry as a means of renewing the youth of old and worn-out farms, it is gratifying to have a man come here from Iowa, the leading butter-producing state in the Union, and tell us, as Professor McKay did at Salem last Saturday, that butter can be produced here cheaper than in his own state, and that this is an ideal dairying country.

Senator Platt, of New York, celebrated two weeks since his 73rd birthday, and a coterie of his old-time political and personal friends came and dined with him and made the occasion a happy and memorable one. They dined up the falling and decrepit old man with the notion that he was in the heyday of his power, and he thereupon announced his purpose to reorganize the United States on the basis of "harmony."

Platt is a broken and discredited man, and he does not know it by what has set, as it has on every other political boss in the United States. Oedl, Durham, Cox and Penrose have suffered from the revolt of the people against their corrupt and intolerable rule, and they, too, have been swarming in place with difficulty. In Oregon we have no longer a boss—none who dares show his head, confess his plans, or attempt to direct the destinies of the state.

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That dairying has not been more general in Oregon is due to many causes, chief among which is that keeping cows has been, with most farmers, a side issue to which the last and least attention was paid. Cows that would give little milk under favorable conditions have been turned upon such pastures as the waste portions of the farms. They feed themselves on accretions made a poor showing the conclusion was reached that "dairying does not pay."

The internal resources of Canada that is inducing the government to favor such a big transportation project. There is the additional advantage to Great Britain of having more than one short route to the East. The Grand Trunk Pacific, with its branch to Hudson's Bay and a seaport at Prince Rupert, can, for a portion of the year at least, land troops from England in Japan or China days ahead of any other route now open.

Some great man up in Idaho—a Judge—argues that it is unconstitutional for the Republican State Convention to nominate a candidate for United States Senator, because "the Senator must be elected by the Legislature."

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Mr. Witte, Russia's star performer, does not appear ever to have had much faith in the National Douma. In fact, if we are to credit a press dispatch from Aix-les-Bains, he declined to believe that any foreign politicians and statesmen of the Russian Empire.

Senator Sutherland, of Utah, has retired from his law firm because it has taken cases against the Government, and he "cannot with propriety represent a litigant whose interests are adverse to those of the Government."

Dr. Day thinks he sees a brilliant future for the city of Portland, Oregon, on the Pacific. But the doctor forgets that it takes something more than black sand and great steel works to make a city. Give us time. It may develop that we have the richest of whom to pray for a Thaw, and a Hartie, and a Corey.

The State of Oregon carries its own insurance, proceeding upon the theory that the state can afford to carry it as cheaply as an insurance company can. The insurance companies of the State of Oregon are now carrying their own insurance—but dug up for the insurance companies also.

Another column The Oregonian presents its annual statistics showing the amount of wheat raised in 1905. The wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest. The crop, as shown by these figures, broke all records by more than 5,000,000 bushels, and for the first time exceeded 50,000,000 bushels.

THE NATION'S HOUSECLEANING. What Must Be Done to Get and Deserve the World's Esteem. From Justice Brewer's address at Milwaukee, July 18.

There has been a good deal of disturbance in the body politic for the last year, and the condition is likely to continue. The Nation is in the business of cleaning house. I have beaten many a carpet and I was always astonished that as long as I beat some dust would come out.

A multitude of loud-mouthed demagogues will attempt to ride into power on popular sentiment. When you find a demagogue, do not answer him; pass him by. An objection that is made to our housecleaning is that it interferes with prosperity and hurts business.

Strange Definitions by Chicago Cops. Chicago Dispatch. "Carrying concealed weapons is a hold-up of the Merit Board. Here are some definitions: 'Homicide'—Leaving a wife or child unattended at a house.

Drank Hoghead of Grape Wine. Blackwood's Magazine. Of the gold coinage of George Buchanan, the four hundredth anniversary of whose birth was recently celebrated, it is related that he was told by his doctor that he was overripe.

Free Haircuts for Boys and Girls. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. M. Noskoff, a South Side barber, will give his second annual free haircuts to all boys and girls under 15 years of age.

Reverie in Buell's Back Yard. Edwin L. Barker in Nashville American. The last cheer took the knell of finality. The wide-eyed fan wind slowly o'er the plain.

The Pettis Rules for Long Life. Exchange. Senator Pettis, of Alabama, who recently passed his 75th birthday, is reported to have offered this explanation of his vitality: "I never chew less than half a pound of tobacco per day."

Franchise Control, Cheap Service. Baltimore News. Influenced by the agitation in favor of a 3-cent rate proposed by Mayor Tom L. Johnson, the Cleveland street railway companies are now offering to sell tickets at the rate of seven for 25 cents and to give universal franchises.

The Fence-Hall Cure. Newberg Graphic. It would be interesting to see a fence-rail dropped in front of the automobile. It has been passing through town lately, in order to ascertain the speed of the chug-chug wagons.

National Department Store. Minn. Irving in Leslie's Weekly. The National department store, 1200 Broadway, is a thing to see. Everything to eat and wear is full as it can be.

There's silver, gold and copper ore. The treasure of the soil. And sulphur from Montana rocks. And Pennsylvania oil. Fresh-water pearls of basket fit.

Well, Mr. Russian peasant, why don't you revolute and have it done with? The suspense is worse than waiting for a tooth to be pulled. It is now up to Mrs. Sage to show that all the charity, kindness and benevolence of the late Russell Sage were in his wife's name.

ALLISON THE GREAT PEACEMAKER. He May Bring Harmony Between Standpatters and Revisionists. Washington (D. C.) Post. Much depends upon the state of William B. Allison's health. Never was he so necessary to his party in his state as in this year of 1906.

Just now standpatters and revisionists are fighting a hard battle in Iowa. Gold Democrats and silver Democrats to all appearances, were not far apart in 1896 than Perkinites and Cumulites are in 1906. But one man who can compose the difficulty, and he is the Senator who fetched Dolliver and Aldrich, Clapp and Knox to the convention of August 1, when and where he will compose things, if it be possible.

Has it come to that—this tariff mess-out in Iowa? William B. Allison cannot harmonize, however, is an irreconcilable conflict and an implacable quarrel.

Seven hundred and ninety examination papers are being graded in the hands of the Merit Board. Here are some definitions: 'Homicide'—Leaving a wife or child unattended at a house.

One writer was slightly hazy as to the duty of a policeman in caring for an injured man. When asked to state the duty to be performed, he said: "I am seriously injured as the result of an accident," he added tersely "arrest that person."

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IN THE OREGON COUNTRY. It Was Not Baking Day. Freewater Times. Last Saturday 363 loaves of bread were sold at Andy Johnson's Cash Grocery, the largest sale for one day since he has been in business.

Squaws are beginning to make regular trips to town with huckleberries, which they offer for sale at exorbitant prices. The prospect of harvesting a big berry crop on the mountain slopes.

There was a great wedding in which three persons under indictment for land fraud had occasion to appear. One of course it had to be a double party, being first cousins, and according to the laws of Washington cannot marry.

A young lady of Moro has been told that she possesses a Wilroy figure, and that if she will pose for it, she will play it to the best advantage. Yesterday she was started by the following question from a younger brother: "His, the one you make so many gestures with, your hips?"

Clackamas Celebrity. Selma (Cal.) Journal. Deo Wright, of Molalla, Clackamas County, is in the city, looking after Wright, best known as a prominent stockman, is the most renowned woodsman in the state.

Clay Ratliffe, of Spring Lake, came into this office Monday and showed us a huge tooth, on some petrified monster which he found recently on his ranch. The tooth weighed 3 1/2 pounds and was 7 inches across.

A committee was made up from the members of the different churches in town, is placing in business houses and other conspicuous places about town large cards on which are printed the words: "Please don't swear."

Pinns Creek Miner. Last week an old knife and scissor agent, commonly known as "scissors," blew into this office on press day, while the force was very busy.

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