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Portland, Ore. - Friday, July 5, 1907.

AS TO WAGE SLAVERY - By a vote almost unanimous at Denver, the convention of the Western Federation of Labor, concluding its sittings yesterday, adopted these resolutions:

First - We hold that there is a class struggle in society and that this struggle is caused by economic conditions.

Second - We affirm the economic condition of the producer to be that he is exploited by the capitalist class.

Third - We hold that the class struggle will continue until the producer is recognized as the sole master of his product.

Fourth - We assert that the working class, and it alone, can and must achieve its own emancipation.

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Sixth - Therefore, we, the wage slaves employed in and around the mines, mills and smelters of this country, do hereby pledge to the Western Federation of Miners, Mining Department of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Seventh - The authors of these resolutions fail to do themselves and their cause justice; because, though there is some truth in what they say, it is only half truth, or less than that.

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We should cut the very top root of human progress. It may very well be asserted that labor, in many cases, does not get enough of the product.

The authors of these resolutions are looking for resources in directions where none ever will be found. It is merely pathetic, and the more pathetic the more considerable the numbers who are misled by the false philosophy that underlies such assumptions.

Reports from the peace conference at the Hague continue to fill much space. They are absurd reports, from an absurd meeting.

Thousands of people from adjoining towns and country have been in Portland for the Fourth of July celebration.

With noise and bustle, crowded streets and sidewalks thronged by eager multitudes; with processions, long-drawn out and lavish pyrotechnical display; with patriotic music and the unfurling of banners.

The horrors of death by electrical shock are increased, as far as those who witness it are concerned, when the event occurs high above the ground.

A marriage occurred in this city a few days ago in which the man was 74 and the woman 20 years of age.

The foreign trade of the United States continues to grow at a most gratifying pace, and if it is suffering from any lack of transportation facilities, as is alleged by the ship-subsidy seekers, the handicap is not discernible in the official returns.

The increase in exports for the month of May was much less than the increase in imports. This is attributed in part to the big strike, which interfered with the shipping business in New York in May.

It is, of course, pleasing to reflect that we are producing so much that the foreigners are out of our debtors on this trade balance sheet.

Having successfully pulled off another National holiday, no serious problem faces the youth of America until the opening of school two months hence.

One and another are putting in criticism of Mr. C. E. S. Wood for his Seattle address. But why pay attention to pretentious Socialism? Men like Mr. Wood are serious or important, only to themselves.

Within the window's scant recess, Behind a pink geranium flower, She sat, and gazed at me with eyes, From patient hour to patient-hour.

As woman like as marble is, Or as a lovely death might be - The death commenced to make A faint life perpetually.

Wondering, I watch to pity her; Wondering, I go my restless way; Content to sit, and think my thoughts Free and solitary days.

Until the mournful dusk betide To drop upon the quiet street, Until upon the pavement fall, There falls the sound of coming feet.

A happy, hastening, ardent sound, Tender as the kisses on the air - Quick, as if touched by unseen lips, Flashes the little status of the fair.

And woman like as young life is, And woman like as joy may be, Tender with color, like with love, She starts, transfixed, seriously.

Superb in its transcendent glance - Her eyes, I see, are burning black - My little neighbor, smiling, turns, Flashes the little status of the black.

I wonder, is it worth the while, To sit and sew from hour to hour - To sit and sew with eyes of black, Behind a pink geranium flower?

which to send our products to market are among the trading facilities which should be made available for Americans at as low a cost as they are secured by the foreigners.

The notorious Moorish brigand Raisul may discover later in the game that the person of General McLean, the Englishman, he has "caught a Tartar."

The original autograph draft of a letter of President Madison to Governor William Miller of North Carolina, dated Washington, January 4, 1816, and regarding the war of 1812, sold for \$125.

A letter of the Confederate General, Joseph E. Johnston to Lieutenant-General Pemberton, in charge of the garrison at Vicksburg, Miss., May 17, 1863, and predicting the fall of that city, brought \$30.

A letter of Charles Dickens to Lord Albert Conyngham, dated Paris, February 18, 1841, declining to attend a masked ball because he was too busily engaged in writing "Dombey & Son," sold for \$18.

The original penciled autograph note of Charles Sumner to Secretary of the Interior, dated Washington, June 10, 1867, and regarding the removal of the latter from office, sold for \$10.

A letter of General Jubal A. Early to the President, dated Richmond, Virginia, April 12, 1863, opposing the proposed appointment as Postmistress of the widow of "Stonewall" Jackson, brought \$35.50.

He isolates an Old Soldier and Refuses Him His Mail. Chicago Evening Post.

It has been told before this how William Rockefeller, multi-millionaire, bought all the Adirondack land surrounding the little home of Oliver Lamora.

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. New York Evening Post.

An open but anonymous letter composed by five priests has been addressed to the Holy See and excited some comment in Rome.

His first allusion, in which he called upon the bishops to aid him in ridding the church of "sowers of tares, apostles of monstrous heresies, and rebels."

The writers of the letter accept these epithets for themselves, but rejoin that the Vatican, by its reactionary attitude, has alienated the great modern forces, science and democracy, which the progressive priests had hoped to win to the church.

She should bring herself into sympathy with popular ideas. She has planned her belief to certain stereotyped doctrines, contained in the breviary, although the body of scholastic teaching is "but the result of the life of the fundamental dogmas of Christianity as humanity in the different stages of its development has lived them."

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GREAT IS THE UNWRITTEN LAW. One Phase of Its Operation That Led to Scandal and Death. PORTLAND, Ore., July 4. - (To the Editor) - In a certain town of 1000 population or so, back in the States, where the writer knew by name every man, woman and child in the place, appeared one day a fine-looking man and woman, who rented the best furnished apartments, hanging out a shingle, "Dr. Swell, Dentist."

One day this same merchant was instructed that "the doctor" was to be away a day or two, and comely little "Dolly" by this charming woman to call, which he did. By mistake, one thing led to another, till, at the right moment, "the doctor," who had been an adjoining neighbor, a Comanche Indian around the entrapped merchant, revolver in hand, picking the place to plant at least five pistol balls in the carcass of the hapless of his home. The wretched victim, begging in the extremest agony for his life, was permitted to go on the stipulation that he should pay for the doctor's fee as cash money to "the doctor" \$500 cash.

Now \$500, 40 years ago, was not always lying loose in the till of a village merchant. So application was made for the money to a grumpy old money lender of the place, who had grown fat by buying and selling and selling them on the St. Louis market. The cash was counted out, with the remark by the broker that it was the second \$500 in a similar manner, morning for some mysterious purpose. The remark put the last borrower to thinking, and, getting the name of the other, hunted him up. A comparison of notes showed that both had been caught in the same clever trap - one to pay at 10 A. M. and the other at 12.

A warrant was procured for "the doctor" after battering down their door by the constable and his posse. The pair was placed on trial, and, inasmuch as no violation of the law had been committed, was allowed to leave town on the first train. As might be expected in a little town where everybody knew everybody's name, the incident was talked over everybody's mouth, and so preyed upon the merchant, who had always borne a good name and who had a most excellent family, that he was in less than three months' time in his grave.

Publication in the papers of the incident brought to light the fact that this same "doctor" had in another state, who, instead of begging, seemed fight. "The doctor" and "his wife," it was in the trial story together, and the other party being accused, the defendant was acquitted by a weeping jury, pleading the unwritten law. ANOTHER PREACHER.

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In The Magazine Section of the SUNDAY OREGONIAN

ANIMALDOM: RHYME STORIES FOR CHILDREN. A new feature, with colored pictures that every youngster in the Pacific Northwest must enjoy.

WHEN STEUNENBERG PRESERVED ORDER. Full page of photographs showing the "bullpen" near the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine, where 600 men were confined after the riots in 1899.

MAKING A NEW BATTLESHIP OREGON. A full page of photographs showing work at the Puget Sound navy-yard on the reconstruction of a fighting machine that nine years ago filled the world with her fame.

"PROUD OF HIS TRIGGER FINGER". Another of Homer Davenport's powerful cartoons and prelections in which the discerning reader can see portrait of a distinguished ex-President.

INDIANS SPARING CHINOOK SALMON. Copyright full-page photograph in colors by Benj. Gifford, of The Dalles, illustrating an industry, as well as a sport, on the Upper Columbia.

"THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD". O. Henry, who is writing the best humorous stuff now published in the United States, devotes the current week to the female lobbyist in Washington, with the customary surprise at the finish.

DR. FURNIVAL, PHYSICIAN-DETECTIVE. No stranger story was ever written than "The Kleptomaniac" - a tale of the theft of a valuable diamond by a most extraordinary agency.

WIVES OF MEN WHO WANT TO BE PRESIDENT. Portraits and pen sketches of five women who have helped to advance their husbands' political fortunes.

ACROSS AFRICA IN AN AUTOMOBILE. Frank G. Carpenter tells of an 80-mile ride through the farms and deserts of Eastern Tunisia.

CLASSICAL OPERA OF THE JAPANESE. Annie Laura Miller describes it. All effort of actors is to suggest; no realism is ever permitted on the stage.

WHEN FIRST OREGON FOUGHT INDIANS. This was 43 years ago. Cyrus H. Walker and William Hillary contribute historical sketches that will be new to thousands of the present generation of Oregonians.

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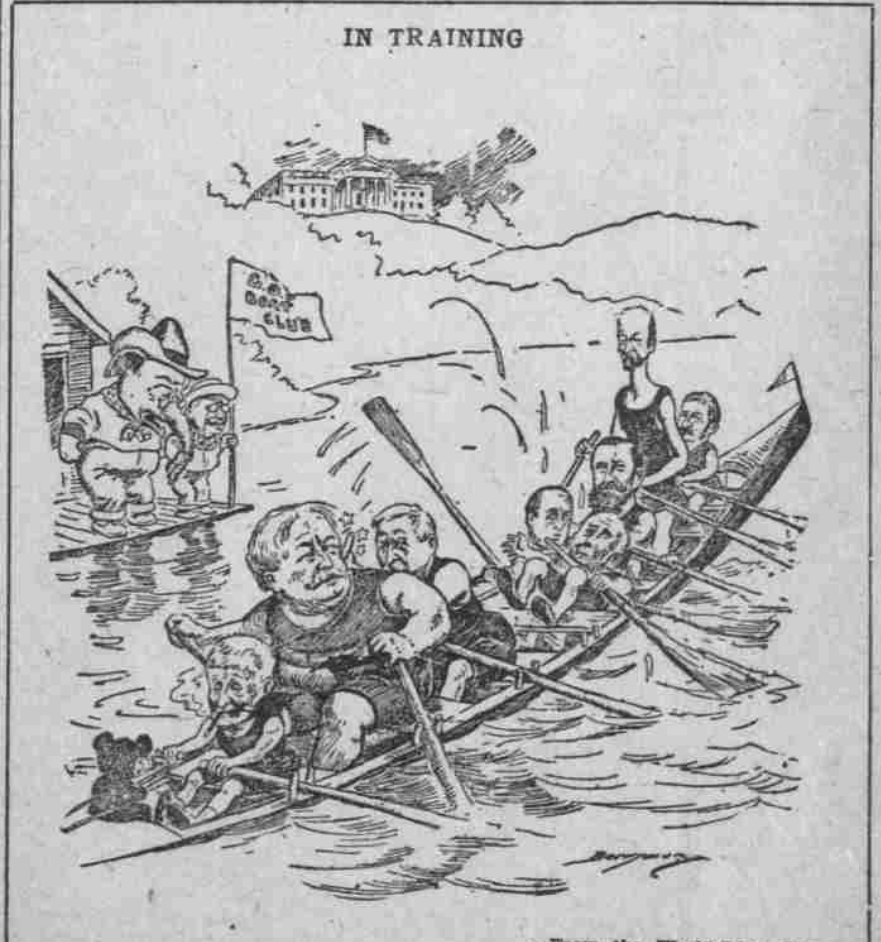
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