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PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1907.

THE DELUSION OF PROSPERITY.

Who has seen anything of all this injury which the President's policies are said to have wrought upon the business and industry of the country?

A workman who receives higher wages than he ever got before is hard to inculcate with the calamity mania.

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These are the political principles of the projected new party. Are they not beautiful to look upon? The battle cry or slogan is not quite so original.

THE ANTI-CANTON BLUNDER.

The greatest mistake ever made in the Army management was abolishment of the Army canteen.

These opinions are the result of official observation of the effects of the anti-canteen law, and they are expressed as the opinion of an actual observer of conditions in any city near which an Army post is located.

The issue is whether the men shall secure pure liquors in moderate quantities under surveillance of the Government, or whether they shall go outside the barracks to be drugged with vile poisons and robbed of their hard-earned money.

BANKS AND THE LAW.

There has long been felt in Oregon the need of a sound state banking law. Other states have had such laws for many years.

But we haven't a state banking law even now, though the activity in the last Legislature of the banking interest and the allied corporation and franchise interests, which ran things at Salem.

Eighteen months is not all. The act was filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1907. The Governor wouldn't approve it, evidently because he didn't think well of the whole business.

THE NEW LUMBER RATE.

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When a member of the country press goes back on the time-honored "wood taken on subscription," Nemesis camps on his trail.

Within five months the big fleet of battleships will split the waters of the Pacific. Let Dan McAllen get busy at once on a celebration that will demand their presence in Portland.

WHAT STATE PAPERS ARE SAYING.

They Know a Good Thing. Forest Grove News. The most convincing evidence that Washington County is the best in the state is the fact that settlers are coming here from the highly lauded community of Hood River...

How Kelse Gets on the Map. Kelsoan. The fans are talking about the notoriety "his place" has received because of the fact that some of our citizens shook \$1000 at McCredie as a challenge that the Portland team could not beat the Tigers.

No Justification for Flopping. Pendleton Tribune. Governor Chamberlain's excuse for flopping the escaped hunchback, Albrecht, is not a very good one.

What "Loyalty" May Do. Toledo Leader. It is semi-officially—or less—announced that Governor Chamberlain will be the Democratic candidate for United States Senator.

Fling at Portland Banks. Dayton Optimist. Portland banks and trust companies have no money to loan in neighboring cities because they "make it a rule to loan on Portland real estate."

Small Boys and Billy Gons. Newberg Graphic. You may have seen the occupants of the automobiles as they go whirling by, but in a test for pure and innocent pleasure—the kind that the mind will never forget—there is no match for some remembrance—we will bank every time on the small boy who drives along the street with a billy goat hitched to a rickety, little old wagon.

Other People's Money. Hillsboro Argus. The State of Oregon cannot throw too many safeguards around the banking system, and the Oregonian is to be commended for its intelligent effort.

Announcement of the death of Judge Alford G. Sears, Jr., of the Board of Circuit Court, at his home in this city yesterday morning came as a sudden and painful shock to this community.

Our George. Echo Register. "Our George" may do well enough as a running mate for Bryan, but he won't do for a mate for Bourne in the Senate.

Bagging a Good Methodist. Albany Democrat. J. W. Baker, of Cottage Grove, came down in a rig from Harrisburg yesterday afternoon.

A Mother in Israel. Hillsboro Argus. Grandma Elizabeth Perry, of Houlton, now in her 80th year, and who is as spry as the ordinary woman of her age, was out of the door of the week, the guest of J. H. Dorland and family.

The Benefits of Irrigation. Baker City Herald. One Baker City lady has a new way of keeping callers and peddlers from her home when she is busy.

COURTING DANGER FOR HIMSELF. Governor Glenn's Business at Home. Baltimore News. Governor Glenn of North Carolina, will not attend the dinner of the Brooklyn Democratic Club August 26, on account of pressing business at home.

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SECRETARY TAFT'S SPEECH.

Comment of Newspapers on His Remarks at Columbus. New York Tribune (Rep.). The Secretary's speech makes it clear to all who may have entertained doubts about it that he has not changed his views and has no desire to change them.

Secretary Taft's programme is carefully rounded and well-balanced. It will appeal, we think, to the party and the country, because it represents in the main the political tendencies of the day and reflects the well-grounded wishes of a great majority of the people.

No mystery longer veils the Secretary's purpose. "My policies" are Taft's policies, down even to employers' liability, inheritance tax, graduated income tax, general non-socialistic correction of "swollen fortunes" and other fragments of the familiar phraseology.

There is in all political history so extraordinary an instance of perfect synchronance on the part of the Aaron of a somewhat difficult Moses.

The first "Presidential policy" with which the Secretary is in agreement is that of Federal licenses to all interstate corporations. The Secretary is tactful. He says the suggestion of the license first came from Mr. Garfield and Mr. Bryan.

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Philadelphia Inquirer (Rep.). As Taft is an open candidate for the Presidency, it would be better, perhaps, to consider his remarks as voting the policy which he would adopt if elected chief executive of the nation.

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