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THE HASTE TO BE RICH.

While we are censuring those who have overvalued credit in great ways, and who by excess of speculation brought on the crisis in financial circles a few days ago, let us not forget that the general extravagance of the people, in their ways of living, was a contributory cause. And a powerful one. All felt they were growing rich fast—all felt that way who had any credit, or who could get it. Their property and their prospects were improving so rapidly they felt they should not let their hope of getting rich. So they made investments—some in one direction, some in another. An attendant consequence was extravagance in living. The old furniture was sold and modern furniture was substituted. There were finer weddings. The evening parties were become what the French call "en regie" and "recherche." On dress there was splendid expenditure. The table was had to be the finest. Nobody could go about in old clothes, or in clothes of old cut or of old material. Most people earned some money, but they had credit beyond their earnings. Growth of values in city lots, and expectation of growth of values in farm lands, and timber lands, and mines to be developed, and herds and flocks yet to be brought into being, and in stocks and bonds to be supported by the labor of others—who will observe the man who was getting rich fastest wasn't working much himself, but had access to the easy money deposited with such establishments as the Moore and Thornburn Ross banks—satisfied everybody for a time; but again, as always heretofore, the foundation was giddy and unsure. The Assessor, however, caught the fever. Why shouldn't he? It was in the air. He doubled, trebled, quadrupled and quintupled the value of all property, rapidly. Government in all its branches, municipal, county and state, caught the new spirit of quick and easy riches. But after a while somebody began to doubt, and soon a commotion was about to his neighbor. This unlimited prosperity was to be measured in limited money. Strange it hadn't been thought of sooner. But the spirit of the times makes a people, as a people is made by the spirit of the times. It goes on slowly for a time, till somebody tells you, and makes you hear it, that you must work for what you get. Then there is a panic, and we begin to find again, perhaps for the thousandth time, that we are treading on air and are but the moving pictures of a show. It is true, and too true, that a multitude of honest, frugal, hard-working people are the dupes of this business. They apply themselves with intense earnestness to humble industry. They practice self-denial and save every dollar, and even every dime, they can. The multitude of them is so great that the sum of their savings is immense. Wishing their savings to be secure, and at the same time to be earning something, they yield to the offers and accept the promises of persons who engage to hold their money and pay them a return upon it. Usually these offers and promises are associated with the names of men believed or known to be responsible. When there is found to be a juggler in it, and the men supposed to be responsible, on the full disclosure of affairs, are not there. This happens, over and over, in every community. Portland, during many years, has had lessons of the kind, lessons written in losses followed by tears and woe and sad denials. How many losses never made good. How many more lessons of the kind will be necessary here? We trust not many more.

THE PACIFIC SQUADRON.

After months of preparation and expenditure of vast sums of money, the finest squadron of fighting machines that ever sailed from an American port is at last on the high seas headed for the Pacific. The spectacle of this great fleet of mammoth battleships steaming away on what is destined to be one of the longest cruises of the kind ever undertaken was an inspiring one, and the spectacular aspects of the start will not be missed by other nations. The cruise of this immense squadron is a peaceful one. Battleships are built for the purpose of establishing and maintaining peace, and there is no other portion of the United States possessions wherein or whereon this squadron can accomplish as much for peace as in the Pacific, for which it is now heading. The Atlantic is bordered by countries in which civilization is centuries old. These countries are drawn together by social and business ties which cannot easily be sundered, and the demands of a fleet of battleships for police purposes grow rapidly less every year. But out here on the Pacific both commercial and political history is making a new page. The great trans-Pacific taking place across the Pacific, where China is awakening from her sleep of centuries, and Japan, drunk with the wine of victory, is swaggering through Corea, Manchuria and other Far Eastern localities, may bring with it responsibilities fraught with gravity for the United States. To meet any emergency which might arise it is highly important that the Pacific squadron should be on the scene of possible action. While no one is looking for any immediate trouble with our neighbors across the Pacific, the most effective guarantee of continued peace is the maintenance of an adequate fleet on the side of the continent. We build these ships in the belief that they might be called on to fight, but if the necessity for their fighting should ever arise on the Pacific, when they were stationed on the Atlantic, a foreign foe could do this country incalculable damage before any of the ships could get back to the Horn. For this reason it is the duty

of the Government to maintain permanently a great portion of this squadron on the Pacific Coast, where it can be useful in case of war as well as ornamental in time of peace. In the departure of the magnificent fleet we have given the world a splendid exhibition of our fighting strength at sea, and in keeping the vessels stationed on the Pacific we will also make it clear that the fleet is kept for other purposes than show.

THE WHITTIER CENTENARY.

One hundred years ago today a man-child was born in a humble New England home. The father was a man of sterling worth, the mother a woman of strong character, quick comprehension and unflinching sympathies. Back of these were several generations of God-fearing men and women—earnest, intelligent, devoted to duty. This was the heritage of John Greenleaf Whittier, filtered down through the years and coming to him pure and strong. As barefoot boy, shy student in the little country schoolhouse, cobbler, plowman, journalist, poet; as a lover of Nature, an aggressive champion of liberty, a statesman of the old school who never missed attendance upon the "town meeting"; as a worshiper at the shrine of home and freedom, and the simple virtues that adorn and exalt womanhood, he lived his long day and left the stamp of his nobility upon the passing years of the world's most eventful century.

OREGON'S DEMESNES.

Representative Fulton, of Oklahoma, brother of Senator Fulton, of Oregon, has submitted by bill offered in Congress his plan for National Initiative and referendum. It is to be decreed that Mr. U'ren, of Oregon, original proprietor and patentee of this system for the United States, might look into this bill and see if it's all right. We want no Cheap John imitations. Nothing but the name of Dr. U'ren, blown in the bottles with our name. We spit out all such nostrums.

THE PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE NECESSITY OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

And yet that shouldn't be necessary. The people ought to have what they want and all they want, and that at once; mangle all constitutions. We confess, in the name of Oregon, to a little pique and jealousy on this proposition. Why should Oklahoma, merely a new state, cut Oregon out by this intrusion? Oregon has been nearly fifty years a state. The initiative and the referendum surely belonged to Oregon. But for Oregon's initiative Oklahoma never would have heard of the referendum.

WELL, WE MUST STAND IT, WE SUPPOSE; AND OKLAHOMA WILL STEAL THIS HONOR FROM OREGON, AND WILL BEAR THE NAME FOREVER, JUST AS AMERIGO VESPUCCI GOT FOR HIMSELF THE NAME OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AWAY FROM CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

It is one matter to give the name "slo-vos non vobis." Alas, and alack, and well-a-day!

WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO A STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSITIO OF REPRESENTATIVE FULTON, OF OKLAHOMA; BUT IT'S HARD TO OVERCOME THE INDIGNATION WHICH ALL OREGON MUST FEEL UPON FINDING HERSELF A BACK NUMBER IN THIS FLUSTRIOUS UNDERTAKING.

Oregon, the true home of the referendum, the proprietor of the idea, now despoiled of it and forced as it were to take a back seat, while the newest of the states carries off the glory.

The Oregonian feels, indeed, like postponing the effort to another day, when its feelings might be calmer. But then it observes that Representative Fulton also proposes a section for an amendment providing for recall of members of Congress whom the people may not like; and this pacifies it a little. Could this be adopted we should feel it was some compensation.

We are just going to give the text of Representative Fulton's proposal for the amendment, when it occurred to us again that the slow-moving older states might perhaps hold back the amendment and yet give Oregon a chance to assert her claims. There ought to be fairness somewhere in this great country of ours; so that Oregon might take the lead in the proposition that "eight per cent of voters of not less than fifteen of the states shall have the power to propose by petition any legislation, and 10 per cent of not less than fifteen of the states shall have the power to propose amendments to the constitution, and 5 per cent of not less than fifteen of the states shall have the power to exercise the referendum by means of petitions."

There it is; it is out now. But if there is any equity or justice extant, Oregon ought to be able by injunction or certiorari or replevin, or something, to stop this trespass and conversion, and to reclaim her own.

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The British steamship Como, drawing twenty-six feet of water, made the

voyage from Portland to the sea with no delay either along the river or at Astoria. The work of the Port of Portland is responsible for this fine depth of water between Portland and Astoria, and the improved depth of water on the bar is due to the Government work on the jetty. But, in due season, Portland will be obliged still further to deepen the channel between this city and the sea. All of the money spent in opening the river above The Dalles will be wasted if we do not keep the entrance of the river in condition for safe passage of the larger vessels which are now appearing in North Pacific trade. The coming of the North Bark Railroad will more than treble the facilities for moving freight through the Cascade gorge, and it is imperative that the facilities for passing that traffic on to the high seas keep pace with the demands to be made on them.

A FEW OF OUR COUNTRY NEWSPAPER FRIENDS SAY THEY THINK IT IS THE DUTY OF THE OREGONIAN TO KEEP ON "FIGHTING FOR THE PARTY."

Its duty to principle, you know. But, Oh, friends and brethren, what's the use of talk, or exhortation, or denunciation, or rebuke, or again, and then again, to be deserted by the mass who had no conception of principles or purposes. Let The Oregonian be excused. You, any of you, all of you, may have the honors of victory, when you win them. But so many of you have no notion of what you're fighting for, no notion of the historical origin, the necessary tendencies, of political parties, that you're all broken up and will lead nothing or follow nothing. You're a mob, merely, living in the ruck and muck of things. The history and the achievements of the Republican party are nothing to you; nor the origin, history and tendencies of the Democratic party. You have no principles, no purposes, no coherence. He who depends upon your favors "swims with fins of lead and hews down oaks with ruses."

THE NEW YORK SUN PRINTED ON DECEMBER 6 A MOST REMARKABLE EDITORIAL, DESCRIBING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS A CONSCIENCELESS AND RECKLESS DEMAGOGUE WITH MIND UNHINGED.

The Oregonian feels justified in reproducing the article on this page, for the purpose of exposing the profound malignity felt by certain newspapers and certain citizens for the President because of his attitude toward the malefactors of great wealth. The Sun is peculiarly the representative and mouthpiece of this class. But though noted for the whimsical and uncertain note it always gives to its expressions, and not often taken seriously by either the public or its contemporaries, not even the Sun has heretofore indulged in so violent an attack the President of the United States. The outbreak illustrates merely the extreme rancor of all frenzied financiers and humiliated and discredited Wall-street freebooters for the man who has done much to defeat their schemes of plunder and exploitation.

Nobody who has failed, or shall fail, to support the Republican party at the polls is to get any consideration from "the delegation" at Washington hereafter, in the matter of official favor or appointment.

This will turn out on a cold and unfeeling way of prime fellers, and, moreover, will best the supposed expectations of a certain old man we know who has rendered the party some service, but can't be counted on, for sure, any longer. But it may be respectfully suggested that Senator Bourne ought not to be too hard on those who are not "loyal to the party." Why provoke anybody to recall the fact that Bourne was the most able and earnest supporter of Bryan that Oregon could boast? And Bryan will be the Democratic candidate again—a wiser and better man than he was before.

BANKER JENKINS, OF WILLAMSBURG, N. Y., WHO WAS INDICTED FOR IRREGULARITIES WHICH CAUSED THE FAILURE OF HIS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, WAS VINDICATED BY THE MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH IN A SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT.

It was unanimously decided that he was innocent of any wrongdoing. If Mr. Jenkins can get a few of his church members on the jury before which he is tried, he ought to succeed in being a regular attendant at Sunday service outside of the prison chapel.

THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO DIFFICULTY IN ELECTING MAYOR LAINE TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, IF THE WAYNIRE WOMAN, WHO MADE THE ATTEMPT UPON HIM, SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE PUNISHMENT SHE DESERVES.

This case should go right plum up to the head of the docket, so as to secure an early vindication of the Mayor and exemplary penalty for her conspiracy against the peace and dignity of the city.

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TRIND TRACKS OF INCENDIARY.

Effort to Put Dogs on Trail of Man Who Burned Bellinger Farm.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Members of the Bellinger family are trying to secure bloodhounds to track the incendiary who burned a house and barn on one of their farms near Waterloo early yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$3000. In telephoning to Sheriff Smith today, Delbert Bellinger stated that tracks of the incendiary had been found, and it was believed they could be followed. No dogs have been secured, but efforts are being made to follow the trail.

The barn and unoccupied house stood about 200 yards apart, and indications are plain that separate fires were started on each. The barn was filled with hay, and this loss is keenly felt, as the hay cannot be replaced, even at unprecedented prices, and Bellinger Bros. had expected to winter 500 cattle on it.

For several months an embryonic Kentucky feud has prevailed in the foothills between Waterloo and Albany, and in this feud the Bellingers and cause for the destructive fire.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST.

William B. Shiveley, Pioneer Opera House Manager.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—William B. Shiveley, for many years a resident of this city, died suddenly at his residence on Seventh and Main streets, at 6 o'clock this evening, of heart disease. Shiveley was on the street a half hour before his demise.

Mr. Shiveley was born near South Bend, Ind., December 31, 1838, and spent most of his life on the Pacific Coast. He conducted the Shiveley Opera House, in this city, for many years. "Owing to his sudden death, the production of 'The Holy City,' which was scheduled for this evening, has been postponed. Mr. Shiveley is survived by a wife and one son, William B. Shiveley, Jr., who resides in Portland. No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

NELSON SWAGGART.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 16.—Nelson Swaggart, one of Umatilla County's best-known plowmen, died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon at the age of 95 years. He was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, in 1812, and came to Oregon in 1833, settling in Lane County, later moving to Umatilla County, where he had resided since 1878. He was married to Adeline Harper in Illinois, and his wife survives him, aged 80. To them were born 14 children, only eight of whom are living.

DENNIS J. RYAN.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Dennis J. Ryan, a well-known resident of this place, died Thursday, December 12, after a long illness, aged 40 years. His wife and three children, his father, P. C. Ryan, of Portland, and four sisters—Mrs. Mary Gibbons, of Dundee, Or.; Mrs. Alice Burns, Mrs. Maggie Brooks and Mrs. Sadie Peters, of Portland—survive him.

JOSEPH KUERTEN.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—Joseph Kuerten died this morning of heart disease at his home in Camas, Wash., and his body will be brought to Oregon City tomorrow for interment. He lived here for many years and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward Sheahan, of Oregon City, and Mrs. William Sheahan, of Camas.

TAX ROLL IS TURNED OVER.

Indicates a Healthy Condition in Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The 1906 delinquent tax roll was turned over to the County Clerk by Sheriff Pomeroy today. The collections on this roll were the largest ever made in the history of the County, and indicate a healthy condition of finances in Clatsop County.

The amount of taxes on the original roll was \$70,553.70. To this was added \$27,000 in assessments, as well as penalties and interest amounting to \$19,180, making a total roll of \$116,733.70. Of that amount, \$55,045.35 was collected and the balance of \$61,688.35 was allowed, while the errors and double assessments amounted to \$48.35, leaving a delinquency of \$294.33.

CUTTING DOWN THE TRAINS.

Northern Pacific Finds It Has Too Many in Service.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—After December 18 the following trains on the Northern Pacific Railway will be discontinued, in accordance with this effect having been made today:

South Bend branch—Train No. 29, leaving Centralia at 7:25 P. M.; train No. 40, leaving South Bend at 8:20 P. M. Grays Harbor branch—Train No. 10, leaving Hoquiam at 6:45 A. M.; train No. 10, arriving at Tacoma at 11 A. M.; train No. 11, leaving Tacoma at 8:25 A. M.; train No. 11, arriving at Hoquiam at 1:15 P. M.

Bucley Line—Train No. 13, leaving Tacoma at 7:55 A. M.; train No. 13, arriving at Kanaskat at 9:55 A. M.; train No. 13, leaving Kanaskat at 1:10 P. M.; train No. 13, arriving at Tacoma at 3:10 P. M.

CHANGES FOREST BOUNDARIES.

Department Needs Demands of John Day Stockmen—New Supervisor.

JOHN DAY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Cy J. Blingham received his commission today as Acting Forest Supervisor for the John Day National Forest reserve, with headquarters at John Day. The boundaries of the new reserve are the John Day River on the north, previous with the old line on the east, former lines on the south, irregular lines running near the center of townships in range 27 on the west. Heppner forest is extended to the John Day River and headquarters removed to Heppner. The remaining portion of the western division is renamed Deaschutes and headquarters at Prineville. Stockmen rejoice at the change.

PRICE OF FUEL TUMBLES.

Drop of \$2 a Ton in Coal at Pendleton—Town Oversupplied.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Coal will be \$2 a ton cheaper in Pendleton beginning with tomorrow morning than it has been during the past few months. People here have taken the situation quietly ever since the commencement of the holidays and the utmost confidence has prevailed at all times in the banking institutions.

LEAVE THEIR MONEY IN BANKS.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The assumption of business created no excitement in Oregon City and the banks did not suffer by the termination of the holidays. The withdrawal of deposits that was anticipated by some did not materialize. People here have taken the situation quietly ever since the commencement of the holidays and the utmost confidence has prevailed at all times in the banking institutions.

BANNER DAY FOR DIVORCES.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—This was a banner day for divorces, ten suits being filed. Some of the requests for separation contain sensational allegations. Many other legal cases were being today, the first real respite from the long list of holidays.

HUNTERS BAG TAME GEES.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—F. X. Thibault and B. W. Updyke, two local Nimrod sports, were arrested today on the complaint of a farmer for killing eight tame geese. The men agreed to pay for the geese and were allowed to go without bail.

THE STATE FALLS DOWN.

Witness Nichols Says Pettibone Did Not Write Letter.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 16.—Documentary evidence in corroboration of Harry Orchard's testimony was introduced at the Pettibone trial today by the prosecution. Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, was taken sick last night and was not present in court during the day. Edgar Wilson taking his place. On account of Darrow's absence, Orchard was not asked impeaching questions and the state postponed its re-direct examination.

Judge Luther M. Goddard was the most important witness for the state, being on the stand most of the forenoon session. He told of the finding of the bomb which Orchard testified had been planted near his gate for the purpose of killing him.

The testimony of ex-Sheriff Nichols, of Caldwell, proved disastrous to the state. After he told of receiving a letter addressed to Thomas Hogan, copying it and giving the original to Orchard, he testified on cross-examination that the letter was not in the hand-writing of George A. Pettibone, the defendant. He said he had thought it was written by Nichols, while the defendant was in jail at Caldwell. Orchard had testified that this letter was written by Pettibone. On re-direct examination, Nichols testified to identify the hand-writing of Haywood, with which he said he was also familiar, stating that it looked like that of Pettibone.

ASTONISHING EXPRESSIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT BY A NEW YORK PAPER.

Matters are much improved. The conditions of money are steadily approaching the normal. A subdued activity is seen in general business, and it is possible to take account of stock and determine the extent of the damage incurred. The spectacle is impressive. No preceding panic ever approached it for the impartiality and extent with which the ruin was distributed.

Since Mr. Roosevelt came into the Presidency he has conducted an extraordinary campaign against wealth, especially against corporate wealth, and in particular against the railroads. His hatred of the last named has taken the form of an intellectual obsession or lesion. It began with his public declaration that the accepted definition of property was to be changed, and it proceeded cumulatively ever since until now culminated in the present commercial convulsion.

Of Mr. Roosevelt's proficiency in the arts of the politician in the worst significance of that word he has left us no room for doubt. A more conscienceless or more reckless demagogue never afflicted this country. By slow and insidious degrees he has upset the public confidence, arrayed class against class and fomented mistrust and hatred. No one ever approached him in creating a hopeless disaffection and unrest in the ranks of labor. He joined a labor union under conditions of intense publicity; he has constituted himself the champion of every known extremity of labor agitation; he has associated upon terms of close personal intimacy with the petty and most sinister disturbers of whom Orchard, Moyer, Pettibone and Haywood are the familiar expression, and he has welcomed them as the guests of the President of the United States in the White House at Washington. All this has been accomplished by the steady denunciation and sophisticated vituperation of capital, especially of capital invested in railroads and therefore in most intimate contact with the people; by the steady abuse of what he called swollen fortunes and by fixing public attention on abuses in corporate management in ways as subtle as irresponsible, but excellently devised to arouse and inflame the public mind.

Any vulgar and unscrupulous demagogue could have done the same thing with no particular harm to the great body politic. But when the role of agitator and of sower of evil seed is taken up by the President of the United States and he goes up and down the land engendering discontent, jealousy and hatred in the hearts of the people, it is a very different and a very serious thing. Even in time of a growing National prosperity, even in time of a prosperity more evenly distributed and shared than ever before in the history of this or any other country, it was possible for Mr. Roosevelt to achieve a disaster that ordinarily could ensue only in time of great public depression, disappointment and common misfortune.

REPORTS NARROW ESCAPE FROM COLLISION DURING GALE.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The French Bark Buffon crossed in this afternoon, 65 days from Newcastle with a cargo of coal. She arrived off the mouth of the river a week ago today and Pilot Gunderson went aboard. Since then she has been beating about outside. Captain Amelin, master of the bark, says the gale on last Thursday night was a terrific one, but no damage was done the craft. During the gale an unknown bark crossed before the wind rushed by not more than 100 feet away from the Buffon. Ferdinand Sifton, the donkeyman on board the Buffon, has been ever since in bed for about three weeks with dysentery. The bark was taken to the hospital this afternoon.

CENTRALIA HOME LOOTED.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—The residence of Frank T. McNitt, on Main street, was entered by burglars last evening while the McNitts were out. The burglars were at work for about three hours, and the McNitts were taken to the hospital this afternoon.

"FLOATER" WASHES ASHORE.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The body of an unknown man was washed ashore on Bachelier's Island, a few miles northwest of here, last night. George Elson, while out hunting, ran across the body and took it to the beach. He at once notified the County Coroner and Sheriff Sappington brought the body to Vancouver. The dead man appears to have been about 40 years of age, and his clothes were good. From the condition of the body it is evident that it had been in the water for a month, as it was badly decomposed.

MINE SOLD TOO CHEAP.

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Superior Judge A. W. Frater, this morning, entering a judgment against the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company, for commissions, held that stockholders lost \$400,000 through the action of President H. H. Taylor, of San Francisco, nephew of D. O. Mills, in selling the mines of the company in 1904 for \$1,000,000. It was shown that had not Taylor sold the mines for \$1,000,000, they would have been purchased by the Pacific Coast Company for \$1,800,000.

ABANDON PENNY-WISE POLICY.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Because