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blitter, often vitriolic; many expressions scarcely quotable. But the Courier-Journal prints a batch of extracts from papers which assail it, and which in turn it calls "a guild of varnishes and reptiles;" and it justifies its own course by this piece of vigorous writing:

Matter of this sort would be laughable if it represented only the state of mind of a rustic having a little sense of proportion...

Cause and effect may be in some confusion here; but when such a newspaper says such things about its state, one may get some idea of the radical nature as well as the extent of the transformation that is taking place within it.

It is not probable that the City of Portland will undertake a municipal lighting plant without having first made the fullest investigation of conditions of development and supply here, and of results attained elsewhere.

Use of waterpower would require long-distance transmission, necessitating high voltage, and consequently great danger, loss, and expense of maintenance.

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These subjects the President does not stop to discuss, but he has a good deal to say about the Sherman anti-trust law, and his remarks are interesting. He thinks this law was unwisely drawn in the first instance and that it sadly needs amendment, so as to permit combinations of laborers and especially farmers. He would also permit such combinations among corporations and employers as are beneficial rather than harmful.

As well not to devise new opportunities for corruption unless they are indispensable. It is encouraging to observe that Mr. Roosevelt thinks the time has come at last for getting ready to revise the tariff. His plan is to appoint a committee of Congress to gather the facts. Then perhaps some action can be taken next March.

Among enlightened people there is no difference of opinion about the desirability of the waterways commission which he recommends, nor will any good citizen blame the President if he vetoes all the waterpower grabs now before Congress, as he threatens.

In closing the Portland gateway and thus diverting to Puget Sound ports a large volume of passenger traffic now coming West over the transcontinental lines, Mr. Hill will hardly increase his popularity in this city or the surrounding territory.

The Harriman lines and the commercial organizations all over the State of Oregon, have spent large sums of money in promotion work in the eastern part of the United States.

The incident serves to illustrate the indifference of all railroads to the rights of the public. Mr. Hill, tiring of fighting Mr. Harriman's water-level grade down the Columbia with a line over lofty mountains and around expensive curves, builds down the north bank of the Columbia.

The position which the Supreme Court of the United States has taken in the Minnesota case virtually extinguishes the power of the states to regulate railroad rates.

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Writing in the Federalist, he said it was unlikely that the Federal Courts would ever try to usurp state powers, because it would be both troublesome and nugatory.

The Kaiser may forget but he does not forgive. Last Fall he knew of no reason why Dr. D. J. Hill would be persona grata at his court.

It is all legislation as to railroad rates and penalties now to be relegated to the hands of the courts of the United States. Are the states to have nothing to say further on the subject? And if Congress shall legislate as to interstate rates and penalties will the Supreme Court upset all that too?

It is a safe guess that Governor Chamberlain will not let any of the other Senatorial candidates surpass him in commendation of the Republican President. He is looking for Republicans who commend the policies of a Democratic Governor.

constitutional questions. It is one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy. Still this doctrine is now universally accepted, and the consequences which Jefferson predicted seem to be flowing from it.

The production of paper from wood pulp has grown to enormous proportions, threatening in some places the supply of wood suitable for this purpose. It is interesting to learn from an authority no less reliable than John Burroughs that the hornet furnished the basic idea of this industry.

And Dr. Hiram H. Hill, of Augusta, Me., who first undertook and perfected the process of making paper from wood pulp, gives due credit to these artisans for originating the idea of converting wood, first into pulp and then into paper.

The St. Louis Times prints an interview with Dwight L. Elmendorf, a lecturer, who has just returned from Panama, where he was very much impressed with the architecture of the canteen, which well-meaning but misinformed persons succeeded in abolishing from the Army.

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The serious aspect of the Minnesota rate decision is relieved by what Judge Peckham would be doing for the public. The penalties of the law, he said, were so severe that the railroad could never hire anybody to break it; hence, it never could be tested in court and was therefore unconstitutional.

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If a state shall presume to fix rates on railroads that lie wholly within its own borders, its legislation will now be worthless, since the stockholders, citizens of other states, may appeal to the Courts of the United States against reductions and regulations under state authority.

Now, as to the great herd of cattle that will be driven along the highway, at all times of the day, it is not the intention to drive great herds of cattle through the streets of cities, in any way. Cattle, hogs, etc., are driven to the points after night or are sent by rail.

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"ACTION IS ELOQUENCE." "And the Eyes of the Multitude More Lensed Than Their Ears."—Shak. Chicago Tribune. President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, has a depressing opinion of American oratory, and the frank statement which he has made of it calculated to cause keen sorrow to some of our most esteemed publicists and statesmen who have been happy in the conviction that an enraptured country hung upon their words as they uttered them.

That was a cruel blow. The thing that is in the mind of the speaker could acquire an idea only by accident. "If they should happen," Mr. Wilson plainly means to say that "one or two of them rushing in one direction by the merest chance should collide with an idea rushing in the other and should retain sufficient mental control after the impact to recognize the idea as such to appreciate its worth and to capture it, they would become irresistible."

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HOPE DEAL WILL GO THROUGH. Says Proposed South Portland Packing-Plant Means Full Dinner-Pail. PORTLAND, March 24.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian of March 23rd notices a communication from one L. Maher, a resident of South Portland for 30 years, in which he makes objection to the proposed cancellation of Messrs. Schwartzschild & Schaefer's franchise to maintain and operate a packing-plant and slaughter-house in South Portland.

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"OLD ORCHARD APPLE TREES." Favors Cutting Back to a Stump and Then Top-Grafting. EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Being a native of Western Oregon and a fruit raiser of 40 years of Oregon experience, I have made a careful study of the old orchard problem.

The M. O. Lowndale method of cutting back the old trunk to within six inches of the ground and then top-grafting several important results, to wit: It saves a vast amount of expensive labor, since little or no training is required for this work.

Old trees reconstructed by the Lowndale method will come into heavy bearing in five years, and the first full crop will be worth ten times as much as the old trees would have produced during the same period of waiting.

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MALHEUR WATER RIGHTS. Christian Co-operative Federation Plans 75,000-Acre System. VALE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Roy H. S. Wallace, president of the Christian Co-operative Federation, left Vale today, after a stay of nearly three weeks in the vicinity. The net results of his negotiations while here are the filing of deeds to two valuable reservoir sites on Upper Willow Creek (Beor's and McPherson's) and the arrangement of a contract with the Water-Users' Association of Willow Creek to take over the control of the impounding of water for the whole of Upper Willow Creek.

Contracts to cover 25,000 acres are to be signed, 10,000 acres to be effective this year. The entire system as now planned will cover 75,000 acres, and is to be complete in five years. Several meetings of the water-users have been held and a committee was appointed to represent the dry-land farmers, consisting of Priddy S. Vaughn, L. L. Clay, Cleveland and Mr. Lynd. By common consent, W. J. Scott represented the vested interests of the present water-users.

WORKS GRIFT ON ITALIANS. Smooth Man in Tacoma Starts Club. They Take Cash and Go. TACOMA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Antonio Caputi, alias Tony Puro, an Italian who recently came to Tacoma and played politics in the city, and mingled in politics, has left the city. Caputi came to Tacoma about March 1, introduced himself to the Italians and said he wished to organize a club. To promote the club, he called upon the ignorant class of Italians to contribute \$10 towards fitting up a clubhouse.

RETURN WITH HIS PRISONER. Lane Sheriff Brings Saleman Who Must Face Serious Charge. EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Sheriff Flisk returned from Walla Walla today with G. W. Whitson, charged by the Hotel Smeede and the Chambers Hardware Company with passing worthless checks. Whitson was a well-known salaried man for a big steel concern and his indictment came as a surprise to those who knew him. He will remain in the County Jail here while awaiting his trial, which will come in April.

Make Eugene Buildings Safe. EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The City Council, the Eugene Fire Department and the Merchants' Protective Association are working together toward making every building in which public meetings are held in Eugene absolutely safe in case of a fire. Every school building, church, theater and meeting hall is being examined, and such recommendations as are made are being carried out without objection by the owners.

Woodburn Nominates Ticket. WOODBURN, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—At a good government convention in this city tonight, the following ticket was nominated for the city election, April 8: B. T. Randall, Mayor; J. M. Poorman and W. A. Roberts, Councilmen; J. J. Hall, Recorder; F. M. Lardner, Treasurer; W. J. Riddle, Marshal.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. POKING ROOSEVELT AND TAPT IN THE RIBS. As a text for All Fool's Day Irving S. Cobb (the Hotel Clerk) gives the administration and the big Secretary of War. He takes liberties with these distinguished personages; also with others. Mr. Cobb is easily at the head of American satirists; no writer now before the public employs humor with equal skill and so deliciously.

ON THE ROAD WITH RAJAH. Second adventure of Professor Shorty McCabe, physical culturist, by Sewell Ford. WILLIAM H. TAFT. THE HARD WORKER. Character sketch of the man who finds time to do his fullest duty and then has ample leisure for play, by Robert Lee Dunn.

UNCLE JOHN ON SHIPBOARD. Remember Anne Warner? The clever woman who wrote "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." Then you'll certainly want to read this sketch of a man who had a friend in charge on a steamer who added unexpected variety to a voyage across the Atlantic.

BEFORE THE ROD WAS ABOLISHED IN SCHOOLS. The United States Bureau of Education has collected a series of pictures illustrating how children in ancient and modern times were subjected to exquisite torture. For middle-aged folk, some unpleasant memories will be awakened by reading John Elfrith Watkins' recital of torture.

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