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Portland, Monday, June 15, 1908. A Democratic partisan organ puts forth this statement, to wit: There are cordial institutions in the Oregonian that if the statement were reversed the Democratic Party would not be a Republican who had received the largest popular vote in the country.

Truth and honor are only relative terms, which mean only what we will put for shallow party reasons. The Confederate Government, the Democratic party, the Solid South, repudiation of the National debt and the debasement of the money of the country to the silver basis, have always stood for "truth and honor."

But the whole question is whether the course of one party or another in the United States these fifty years has been the better one for the country, and whether now we are to reject the one and adopt the other.

Nobody who knows the Democratic party, who has been acquainted, through experience with its purposes these fifty years, or with the vehemence and purpose with which it has pursued them, can imagine for one moment that it would relinquish any advantage it might gain through the simplicity, credulity or milk-sopprery of its opponents.

call themselves Republicans appear to think so that the Oregonian, for the present, feels that it can do nothing. They who don't know that the Democratic party will do anything to win don't know the Democratic party.

But then, since the Republican party of Oregon has completely surrendered, and has decided to do nothing more, the Oregonian will simply go it alone. It can't make any effective political effort, but it can still say some things. When a party deserts all its ideals, principles and purposes, as the Republican party of Oregon has done, who will further march under its banner?

Herein you see the reasons why it is highly probable that Bryan will carry Oregon. Nothing has happened in this country, these fifty years, has there, to give you an idea of the character and tendency and purposes of parties? Nor in the fifty years that next preceded these fifty years? We are now to get into business in our own account, without regard to the experience or work of our ancestors.

ENCOURAGING CROP OUTLOOK. Neither the fear of further depression of stocks, a continued scarcity of money, or the uncertainties of a Presidential election can interfere with the natural workings of our industrial situation.

Compared with conditions for 1894, the year following the big panic of 1893, the crop year is strikingly favorable. The wheat crop of 1894 was but 460,000,000 bushels and the export price was about 67 cents per bushel.

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Why this essential uniformity of speech in a country so large and so diversified as the United States? Our migratory habits have something to do with it. But the principal cause is the common school. The school is an alembic in which differences of race, color, speech, religion and prejudice are fused and mingled into a common Americanism.

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AMERICAN ENGLISH. Fortunate is the man or the magazine that is easily pleased. To this profound reflection we are moved by the perusal of a paragraph in last week's Outlook which expresses rapture altogether out of proportion to the exciting cause.

But is it true? Is our English as good as the Britons? Before we can rationally undertake to answer this inquiry we would have to decide what he meant by Britons' English, for they speak a great many varieties of the language and their dialects differ widely from one another.

A man who has political views which he strongly believes will trust a neighbor of opposite political principles in everything but politics. This is the attitude of the Southern farmer, who is not only a laborer but a capitalist, and who is not only a capitalist but a laborer.

Farmer voted Eastern Oregon "dry" because their "hands" go to town and get drunk on Saturday night and do not return to work till Tuesday or later, if at all.

It is too bad that we must wait until after the National election in November, before starting the subterranean fight of 1910. But those who wish may pass the time whittling their knives.

The next matter to worry our local politicians will be election of Mayor next year. Of course, the Presidential election next November concerns the local party, but not nearly so much as that for Mayor.

THE OLD GUARD IN JOURNALISM. A Salute to Noted Editors Throughout the Nation. In the Washington Herald of Sunday the Old Guard of American Journalism. The word old was used in a purely complimentary sense, indicating numbers of years, but not age.

And we are obliged to the Herald for putting this issue in its interesting article. Let us look at the familiar faces. Here is General Charles H. Taylor, the wonderful young man of the great Boston Globe, who has been back in the newspaper days at Port Hudson, where he was wounded because he wanted to get ahead of everybody else—a trait he kept on his mind.

The cruiser Colorado was lost at the entrance to Puget Sound, according to fake news reports published in Portland yesterday morning, but readers of the reliable news in The Oregonian were spared the sensational jolt.

Little Gun Kills Big Bear. Hunter With 32 Cartridges Bazz Graciously in Water After Eight Shots. To kill a big bear weighing nearly 800 pounds with a .32-caliber revolver is something that few men accomplish.

Number of Delegates at Conventions. Some people have wondered why it is that there will be 102 delegates to the Denver convention and only 92 at the Chicago convention, since the representation in both is based upon the representation of the various states in Congress.

Enlightened, Yet Plain. Blue Mountain American. How proud Oregon will feel—Little Jonathan, Jr., the senior Senator, and anyone who knows anything at all about his ability knows he will never be a Senator to attain any prominence or prestige.

To Be a Boy Again, in June. Providence (R. I.) Journal. While and Jimmy Briggs, Frankie Green and Joe Thomas were in all the Oregonian yesterday afternoon at the "ole fishin' hole" and asked whether they thought that Taft would be nominated on the first ballot.

Barnum-Needle Years in Grel's Body. A damning needle was removed from the ankle of Miss Fannie Inskake, of East Liberty, O., and a physician said she probably swallowed the needle when she was a child.

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