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A DISCOURSE OF POVERTY.

To couple the name of poverty with the name of Oregon, or with the name of any of the states of our New West, is an absurdity and solecism.

In these new states there is no poverty that is not traceable to want of ordinary prudence in industry and foresight.

It is complained, however, that poverty is the cause of the admitted inefficiency, and that the inefficiency increases and perpetuates the poverty.

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economic and moral principles. Roosevelt has done more in this direction than any other man of his day, and than any other man since this contest began.

But when all is done, when the franchises shall have been recovered for the state, the protective tariff shall have been shorn of its unjust features; when special privilege shall have been cut off at the top and cut out by the root, the same old question about the poverty of those who haven't in them the virtues of initiative energy, of calculated industry, of steady and persistent purpose, of prudence and sobriety and self-denial, of postponement of present gratification to future hope and expectation;—this same old obstinate question will still be mooted.

And now, meantime, work is in demand, as never before, in every department of industry in these new states. If you employ men in the associated trades you usually get good service, here you get well-paid efficiency.

Men and women refuse to work for wages that landowners and farmers and loggers are able to pay; they will engage, and then work only a little time and in the poorest way.

Think you is there any cure for the poverty that results from conditions like these? Nor let it be said that these are the words of one who has no knowledge of the strenuousness of labor.

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applied science, and Dr. Jordan was chosen for president principally because of his well-known views upon education in general and upon the evolutionary theory in particular.

Dr. Jordan's power was great enough to eliminate the more bitter reactionaries one after another, but it was not sufficient to prevent their spreading false accounts of the cause and nature of the struggle.

Since Stanford was purged of the irreconcilable classicists the Greek and Latin fanatics all over the country have looked upon it with an evil eye.

Mr. Hearst's independence party will receive just as many votes as he chooses to pay for, and no more.

A wagon road along the Columbia from The Dalles to Astoria would be a luxury rather than a necessity, but it would be a great addition to the attractiveness of the state.

Both the leading candidates this year, Taft and Bryan, are to talk in the Philippines, and their dulcet tones are to be ground out in metallic sounds to the villagers in every part of the country.

OUR GREATEST DEPRESSION. "Somewhat," says the Seattle Times, "the Portland Oregonian doesn't brag a bit about the substantial and continuing evidence of great prosperity which was clearly showing that Portland is the metropolis of the Pacific Northwest."

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11,487,299. From these figures, which could be extended to an indefinite length, it is easily apparent that, while poor old Portland is "suffering the greatest depression experienced by any city in the Pacific Northwest," Seattle is floating on a high wave of prosperity.

This paradoxical situation is explained by the fact that what would be regarded in Portland as a depression in Seattle would fill the place of a hilarious boom. The point of view is responsible for the mistake the Times has made in transferring an error in its reasoning regarding the depression in Portland into the "greatest depression."

Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, is dead. His distinction was due, not to what he did in the Senate, but to the fact that he had sat longer in that body than any other member who ever occupied a seat in it.

According to German advices, which may or may not be strictly accurate, Japan has appropriated a vast sum of money for a fleet of four battleships and five armored cruisers in addition to vessels already building.

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If the real estate men of Portland cut up the big Willamette Valley farms into ten-acre tracts they will remove one of the worst impediments to the progress of Oregon.

Klamath County reports a surplus of bears this summer, and offers Mr. Harriman positive assurance that he can bag a few.

If Mr. Harriman is coming to Oregon for solitude, he will find plenty of it. The vast tracts which his railroads ought to cover and do not are highly productive of loneliness, bears and sagebrush.

There seems to be no way to prevent an automobile from going over a precipice, when the precipice is handy and the brakes won't work.

HOW RAILWAY EMPLOYEES STAND

Strong Presentation of Their Interest

The following quotations from a pamphlet issued by the Nebraska State Railway Employees Protective Association, will serve to shed further light on an Omaha news dispatch regarding the purpose of that organization, published in The Oregonian Monday:

"The present move on the part of not only the railroad men of Nebraska, but of other states, is almost spontaneous, and has been brought about by the baiting of railroads, which has been quite general, undoubtedly the result of the great corporate industrialism more vulnerable than others and, from its magnitude, more conspicuous. People feel that something must be done, and it must be corrected. There is something undoubtedly true; that the fault does not lie with the railroads at present is susceptible of the general public, fairness must prevail, and a calm, dispassionate survey of the situation obtain."

"To seriously cripple the transportation facilities of the country will be a disaster much greater than can be conceived of, and will reach every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth."

"Notwithstanding the great prosperity enjoyed by the people of the United States during the past few years there has been grown up a sentiment that the railroads and their employees are not to be permitted a fair share thereof. In many instances the railroads advanced their prices sufficient to immediately absorb all the increase granted to employees without a scintilla of justification."

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"It is quite apparent that railroad men as a class are being made a cat's paw to pull political and other chestnuts out of the fire."

"The natural tendency is a general advance in freight rates rather than a decrease, which must obtain if the road is to continue on its road to universal prosperity. The railroads are the very arteries through which the life of the nation is sustained."

"Let him suggest that the taxes be reduced by lessening the expense of municipal, county and state, or Federal Government, and his political friends will take up the cry with a vengeance, cutting the expense of government? While it is generally conceded that there are too many officeholders in this country, there is no one to let go. It is a very lucrative profession. The work is easy; the pay sure, and the inclination is to let go."

"Look around you in any community and see the drones in the hive that you must support, and if you will analyze their political propensities you will find that many of them have none in particular. They drift with the tide of public sentiment and will eat out of the hand of the railroad employes, if necessary to remain at the public crib. If we assert our rights as American citizens the cry is started that we are doing the 'Bears Collar.' We are told that to protect ourselves we are to incite class against class. We are asked with an appearance of righteous indignation to make making threats, and are invited to sit idly by and see our source of revenue depleted."

"The elective and appointive officers and department employees of Nebraska are realizing the fact that they are being paid a salary of \$95,467. The city of Omaha has an annual payroll of \$449,735.28. Nebraska has little occasion to state that these great industries, and those who are advocating it will find that it will not continue to be popular."

SHALL DEPOSITS BE INSURED?

But How is That Question an Issue in the Present Campaign?

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Ex-Senator Gearin, in his Democratic address, claimed that twelve years ago the Republicans promised to reform our currency, but had not, and "proved" it by quoting Congressman Fowler, who a year or so ago charged the currency system as the worst in the world.

Mr. Gearin evidently confused our promise to maintain currency on a gold standard, which was preserved, with Mr. Fowler's contention, first of all sound, that our inflexible system of currency on bond basis is not equal to elastic systems based largely on business assets, such as the British, Canadian, German or French banking.

"But the Senator assured" us that the Democrats now have a real remedy, "a solid remedy, indeed, that twelve years ago the Republicans promised to reform our currency, but had not, and "proved" it by quoting Congressman Fowler, who a year or so ago charged the currency system as the worst in the world."

"It was rather their platform pledge that all the taxing of National banks is to be done under an equitable system, which entitles wishing to use it," in short, legislation by which any plundering, speculative state or private banking institution, which agrees to put up a pro-rata of tax, can have the sound banks committed to make good to its heedless depositors, "banking institutions" anywhere "wishing to use the system."

"Of course they each would wish to use the system, and thus, the result would be a complete and total failure of the Democratic platform suggestion; the result will be ruinous."

"Taft merely criticized the Democratic insurance plan in its suggested shape. He nowhere in his speech of acceptance disapproved of any proposal for depositors' insurance, or National. He was simply showing the dangers of the Democratic system of forcing the taxing of all honest private banks, and many more engaged in various vocations."

"There is no real need for legislation concerning deposits in present National banks and all efforts to make an issue in National politics on "insuring deposits" appear purely for campaign purposes, and are to be done entirely with irresponsible state and private "banking institutions," where only state law controls, and whose private contracts are not enforceable under any law of Congress can reach or regulate."

BOSTON'S STRONG MAN OF MUSCLE With Great Ease He Handles Bales of Hay and Barrels of Flour.

For downtown Boston few men can equal Antonio Perry, a general man employed by the Charles Lawrence Company, who is called "Tony" by his packer friends in the district, and known as "Tony" throughout the district, was born in the island of Flores in the Azores group, but he is a pretty good American after living in this country for 19 years.

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A WARNING TO THE SALOONMEN

What They Are Doing to Make Oregon a Prohibition State.

St. Helena, Calif. The saloonkeepers of the city of Portland are doing everything in their power to aid the prohibitionists in sweeping the State of Oregon two years from next November.

It is easy to assert that this is a matter that concerns Portland alone, but the people know better. The city is not alone in being interested in the presence of women in places where liquors are sold. It may be a victory, but it is likely to cost them dear.

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Philadelphia Special to Baltimore News. Rebellion has broken out in the ranks of labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, against the efforts of Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, to interdict partisan National politics in the labor movement. The unionists number at least 100,000.

London Memorials 40,000 Dates. London 7th-11th. E. C. Loston, who has just issued a challenge to the world for the memory championship, although only a young man of 23 years, for he has memorized 40,000 dates of the principal events in the world's history since the creation. It was quite by accident that he discovered his gift. He had an exceptional gift of memory. He was being trained as an army officer, when an attack of rheumatic fever dispelled his hopes of a military career. At that time he happened to meet the Zancigis in India, who, noticing what a remarkable memory he had for dates, advised him to cultivate it. He then purchased a copy of Hayden's "Dictionary of Dates" and sought to commit to memory the dates of the most important events in the world's history by writing out the dates on a sheet of paper and rewriting them three or four times until he had fully grasped them, with the result that he has a repertoire of thousands of dates at his command to turn organized labor over to the Democratic party."

His Hen Just "Stood Pat." Chatham (N. J.) Dispatch to the New York Tribune. Hudson Budd's stationary hen is dead after a career of nearly a year as the only one of that variety in the station of New Jersey. Budd says that the hen would live only a short time, and consequently does not feel as badly as he might, since she existed several months before the time she died. She became stationary at the time Mr. Budd laid the new concrete floor in his henry.

Dog Rescues Drowning Kitten. Montclair (N. J.) Dispatch to New York Tribune. George W. Da Cunha, an architect, of Valley Road, had a dog which prevented the drowning of a kitten that has been his companion since its birth. Mr. Da Cunha's hired man took the kitten to a pond with the intention of drowning it. The dog accompanied the man, and when the latter tossed the kitten into the water the dog jumped after it. When Mr. Da Cunha heard how persistently the dog had intervened, he was very badly frightened, and no use was hurt.

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