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MONEY, POLITICS AND BUSINESS.

The banks of the country hold an extraordinary amount of money. There are overflowing reserves and all of very moderate trade. The live Pacific states want intercourse with the Pacific islands and the Orient. They want a Pacific American Navy. They want an American policy that extends the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr. Bryan's lamentation of loss of thrift or loss of prosperity. However, it is in the banks and from the general inclination to "wait," that wage-workers here and there must lack employment, and that speculative movement in real estate and in new undertakings must be retarded.

Public utility and public improvement projects are now pending and upon the citizens of Portland are of wide scope and large proportions. Their adjustment on terms that will do justice to contractors and taxpayers alike, but not for the play of petty politics, but for the occasion is not one of winking spite upon political opponents nor for the dogged display of power through the medium of arbitrary votes in the Common Council.

Signs of the times. The steaming quarters of the incoming liners show an increasing number of immigrants, and it is no longer an unaccountable incident for one of the great Atlantic liners to be carrying more than 1000 stowage passengers.

Mr. Zell in search of a wife. How often it is that the blessings which we vainly seek to find in unobserved at our very feet. Thus it was with Fred Zell, of Madras. Mr. Zell is not the author of the more or less famous cyclopedic, which bears his name.

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shor time until we shall hear the complaint of an insufficient number of recruits to fill the demand. This scarcity of material for soldiers and sailors, while in a manner unpleasant and expensive for Uncle Sam, will not awaken any regret, however, for it signifies that there is a steady increasing demand for recruits in our great industrial army and the latter is in many respects preferable to the former.

THE PACIFIC STATES. It begins to be apparent that Bryan will not get a single electoral vote in a state of the Pacific Coast. Yet of course, Nevada, bent on mining gambles, and therefore still devoted to 16 to 1. It will take a long time yet for Nevada to escape this environment and arrive at a condition of rational civilization.

It is surely a sad state of affairs when it takes a Supreme Court decision to determine what six or eight lawyers meant when they framed a constitutional amendment. Even then it might not be learned, if there were a court of appeals to which to take a decision of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Yumano, resident Consul of Japan, makes the gratifying statement, backed by statistics, that there has been a steady decrease in the number of Japanese immigrants to the laboring class to the United States during the last half year. Not only is this fact clearly shown, but the number of Japanese returning from this country to Japan in April has been twice as large as the number of incoming Japanese.

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What did the lawyers mean? There are a half-dozen prominent lawyers in Oregon who must feel a little embarrassment over the threatened fall delivery as a consequence of a constitutional amendment which the people adopted in the year 1892.

Quite likely the lawyers who drafted the amendment will say that their meaning was clear—that they did not intend to interfere with cases already started. And undoubtedly they didn't intend to leave a loop-hole for criminals to escape, but some attorneys contend that they did leave a loop-hole and it will require a Supreme Court decision to determine the question.

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A GREAT MANUFACTURING CITY. The 225th Anniversary of the Founding of Philadelphia. On Monday, October 5, the people of Philadelphia began the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the founding of their city.

Historically the city bears a close relation to the growth and greatness of the United States. There the Colonial Convention adopted the Declaration of Independence, which marked the birth of the republic, which has set an example to the globe.

For many years Philadelphia was the second city in population in the Union, New York being the first, but within a few decades past Chicago, rapidly outgrowing all others, became the second, and left Philadelphia third.

For the real American city you must come to Philadelphia. Anarchy never can gain a foothold here. It is the ambition of everyone to own his own home, and when a man becomes a property-holder his first idea is to protect it. He is going to keep it. And he wants it to be a good American citizen.

These figures give some idea of what it is to do a manufacturing city for Philadelphia, with nearly or quite 2,000,000 inhabitants, cuts a small figure in furnishing sensational news to the general public.

To Sell His Head for \$10,000. Amherst (Mass.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Inquirer. Professor of biology at Amherst College and son of America's greatest Greek scholar, is reported to have made an extraordinary contract with scientists of wealth, whereby he has sold his head after death for \$10,000.

Heavy Odds in New York on Taft. New York Times, Oct. 16. What little action is getting on the President's fight for still varies from 2 to 1 to 3 to 1 on Taft. Despite the report from Washington yesterday that \$10,000 had been bet on Taft to win an office of \$200,000 on Taft was made on Wall street yesterday with no takers.

THE TIMID OFFICE. Washington Star. "The office should seek the man," remarked the idealist. "An answered Senator Senecaugh," "not an office doesn't get much encouragement in newling and seeking for a man. In fact, it has to be most high to keep from being grabbed off the perch."

THE NEMESIS. James J. Montague. Bryan had a little fall he thought had but everywhere he wandered it was John. When he cried, "I'm conservative! I'm strong for honest men!" His wife replied, "You're a Republican! I'm a Democrat!"

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Practical Views of "Boss" Cox Offers to Get Big Money Ohio Will Give \$50,000 to Taft. Cincinnati Enquirer, October 15. George H. Cox said yesterday that Taft will carry Ohio, New York and Indiana, thus disposing of the three states that Chairman Hitchcock regards as doubtful and in which the chairman has concentrated the efforts of Mr. Taft for the remainder of the campaign.

"Ohio," said Mr. Cox, "will give 15,000 for Taft and 5,000 for Harris for Governor. Hamilton County will give Mr. Taft 15,000 plurality, but it is likely that Governor Harris will get it, on account of the liquor question."

"New York will give a good plurality for Taft, but I think that Hughes will run away with the ticket and will be elected by a large majority."

"Now, it is not the popularity of Judge Taft that will carry these states. It is the fear of the people of the several states nominated by the Democrats, other would have carried New York and Ohio. As Bryan was nominated, the people will choose the smaller of the two evils."

PROTECTION FROM FOREST FIRES. Reform in Present Laws Necessary if Timber is Not to Be Destroyed. DRAIN, OR, OCT. 15.—(To the Editor.)—As I have been a reader of The Oregonian for several years, and read so much about forest fires, I have concluded to give my views to the public once more through the columns of your paper.

It becomes necessary for persons to obtain a license to burn brush, and to burn after their work at least once each year, under penalty. But if the same conditions prevail for the next 10 or 15 years, there will be no brush left in the brush and other trash is allowed to accumulate.

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Results in the Normal School System. Recent discussion of the normal school problem has brought out several important assertions, which, because they come from authoritative sources, may be accepted as true and which may form the basis for a few suggestions as to remedies for existing conditions.

Only ten per cent of the teachers in the public schools are normal graduates. Over half the teachers in the public schools have had no preparation for their work except what they received as pupils in the eight grades of the common schools.

Before considering remedies a few words of historical review may be profitable. Ten years ago, and even within a shorter time, the laws of this state permitted each of the four normal schools to maintain 50 months and to graduate students after they had completed a three-year course and passed an examination satisfactory to the members of the several boards of trustees.

It seems very probable that the managers of the normal school system have been very successful in securing teachers from pursuing a normal course which would better fit them for work in the public schools.

It may be granted that a student who has completed a five-year normal course is better prepared to teach in a normal school than one who has completed only a three-year course. But the real problem is not to secure the best possible teachers, but to secure the best possible results from all our teachers, who go into the public schools after completing the normal diploma and then taking the state examination for a state certificate.

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