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THE LOOK AHEAD.

Chamberlain, they say, will be elected Senator today. It is a triumph for Bourne and U'Ren as for Chamberlain. For it gives Bourne and U'Ren, and the vagaries they represent, apparent ascendancy in the Republican party and politics of the state.

It may be that men will not be so eager to "take the pledge" as they have been heretofore. This will be the only hope of preventing permanent Republican division in the state. Of course The Oregonian, having no need of party, can go it alone; but this may be taken for certain, that it will not act with the Republican party in future.

MEBELY HISTORICAL.

A letter to The Oregonian asks how and from what circumstance the name of Pendleton, Umatilla County, got its name. From George H. Pendleton, Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1864.

But as the Union arms made advance into the South a great many Confederate sympathizers were driven out by the stress of the war, Rocky Mountain region Democratic and overlaid into Oregon, which they soon made Democratic also.

AS JESUS WOULD LIVE.

Following the lead of a multitude of people in Cleveland who are ready to "live as Jesus would live," Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher announces in a news dispatch from that city that he will inaugurate a similar movement here next Sunday.

WHY IGNORE PORTLAND?

A Washington dispatch announces that the Senate has authorized a favorable report on the McCumber bill providing for the inspection and grading of grains. Under this bill National inspection and grading of grains are provided for and the Department of Agriculture is authorized to fix definite grades.

Portland's pre-eminence in the grain trade of the Pacific Coast was never more firmly established than at the present time. During the year 1908 there was exported from this city more wheat than from all other ports of the Pacific Coast.

shipped from Portland to San Francisco. Last year, with very little assistance from the newly completed North Bank road, Portland led all other ports in the United States in the amount of grain exported, although the crop was fully 10,000,000 bushels short of the average of recent years.

For the Government to establish a grain inspection service at other Pacific Coast ports without including Portland would be a most ridiculous proceeding. If the bill becomes a law and it is useful or otherwise, Portland will undoubtedly be recognized.

ROOSEVELT AND HIS ENEMIES.

Yesterday's attack in the House on President Roosevelt by Representative Willett, of New York, shows the labor of careful preparation. Evidently the Tammany representative had been studying for it a long time. Roosevelt himself is too good a fighter to care about these pin pricks.

OLD-TIME FLOWER GARDENS.

Since Portland's fame as the Rose City is established and everybody with a bit of ground has begun to devote a little space, even in the fence corner if need be, to some of the grandly flowering annuals that will riot in bloom from June to October?

CONTINGENT FEES.

There is nothing morally wrong in the agreement by which an attorney undertakes to bring suit for a plaintiff upon a contingent fee. In fact, there are many cases in which the plaintiff could not get justice unless such an agreement could be made and enforced.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

The affairs of the Oregon Legislature will reach an important crisis next Tuesday, when the time for the election of the Senate arrives. Governor Chamberlain has announced in his message to the Legislature that he expects the members of the assembly to stand by their pledges.

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Jesus would live today. It is not too high to aim to live as we imagine or believe he would live if he were here. Mere imitation of what is supposed to be Christian conduct is vain; development of the spirit of Jesus, over which there is small room for dispute, must enable the individual and uplift mankind.

NEW RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

To the New York Sun we are indebted for a summary of railway progress and projects in Canada. It tells us that this year \$30,000,000 will be expended on railway construction in the Dominion; that contracts are already made approximately for that amount; that 1248 miles last year were added to Canada's railway system, and that 4277 miles are now under construction.

On the new transcontinental line from Moncton, New Brunswick, to the Pacific Coast, actual work was begun four years ago, and up to the present time the expenditure on it has been about \$47,000,000. A large part of the 1000-mile stretch from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains is practically completed, and a regular service from Winnipeg to Edmonton will be in operation in a few months.

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their fees, but a few who try to rob their clients bring the whole profession under more or less suspicion. Because a party to a suit must agree upon a contingent fee is no reason why the attorney should be permitted to enforce an unconscionable agreement. Neither should an attorney resort to the contingent fee to stir up litigation where only a technical search is needed for flaws in the title to property and then seeks to secure employment by offering to bring suit on a contingent fee in a mischief-maker inspired by no good intentions.

The Vanderbilts family were put down for a total of \$3,000,000, distributed as follows: William G. Vanderbilt.....\$1,000,000 Gladys Vanderbilt.....1,000,000 Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.....500,000 Cornelius Vanderbilt.....250,000 Frederick W. Vanderbilt.....250,000 Edie F. Vanderbilt.....250,000

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At the head of the really big list stands the Vanderbilts, assessed at \$3,000,000, but \$2,000,000 of which is in the form of real estate. The second most valuable piece of real estate in the city, according to the tax rolls, is the Pennsylvania terminal, which by the work done during the year has increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

The total of taxable real estate had not been figured out today, but President Purdy said the increase was about \$10,000,000 over last year, when the final figure was \$67,722,000, but the increase probably cut the increase down to under \$125,000,000.

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SOME HEAVY PERSONAL TAXES.

Russell Sage's Widow and Andrew Carnegie Head New York's List. New York Special to Chicago Record-Herald.

Mrs. Margaret O. Sage, widow of Russell Sage, and Andrew Carnegie appeared at the head of the personal assessment rolls when the tax books for 1909 were opened today. They were each assessed \$5,000,000 on their personal estates.

John D. Rockefeller was assessed at \$2,000,000, William Rockefeller at \$300,000, and William G. Rockefeller at \$100,000.

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Though day on day and generations come And still no crown of laurels brought To one who strove in blindness and in pain Among the great ones of this mortal state.

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TO POET!

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. Weird child of fate, Thy storm-tossed soul for many years Has been as one with Annabel— Thy spectral lover yet.

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