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WHERE DID FIGURES COME FROM? A Stockton (Cal.) dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian reported large shipments of Oregon and Kansas wheat going into the San Joaquin valley...

INVINCIBLE COMPETITION. In view of the possibilities for readjustment of trade routes, should the Spokane rate decision prove detrimental to the interests of Pacific Coast terminals, the present service over the Tehuantepec route becomes of exceptional interest...

BUYING UP AN ENTIRE STATE. How Senator Stephenson Won Through the Direct Primary. New York World, Dem. The use of a huge "slush fund" by Isaac Stephenson, the Wisconsin millionaire lumberman, is the greatest scandal in connection with the election of a United States Senator since W. A. Clark...

MR. ROOSEVELT IN RETROSPECT. What Newspapers of All Persuasions Think of Him as President of the United States—Friendly Views, and Others Decidedly Unfriendly. One of Our Best Politicians. Washington (D. C.) Star, Ind. Mr. Roosevelt, we may say, will appraise correctly all "jolly" respecting his return to the White House...

More Disturbance Than Achievement. Philadelphia Record, Dem. The achievements of the last seven and a half years are not proportioned to the disturbance made over them. A Patriot for the Common Weal. Baltimore American, Rep. Let no one imagine that with his retirement the services of Theodore Roosevelt are ended...

Has Harned Republican Institutions. New York World, Dem. He (Roosevelt) has indeed inflicted immeasurable harm upon Republican institutions. He has trampled constitutional safeguards...

EMANCIPATING WOMEN. Joshua Klein, on trial for his liberty at Tacoma, has himself to thank for the trouble he is in. A man who undertakes to earn his living by playing upon the susceptibilities of hysterical women must expect certain complications to arise...

HAZARD AND MOB RULE. All that young Mr. Stone says in his letter printed today can be expressed in the single clause that mob rule is better for students than the orderly discipline of a faculty. The Oregonian does not believe this to be true...

"I understand it originated in an effort to have the headquarters removed to Portland," wires Senator Piles to the Vancouver Commercial Club, who protested against the removal of the Department of the Columbia, U. S. A., from the city of Vancouver...

Democracy, He Thinks, Is About to Achieve a Great Victory. In the current issue of Munsey's Magazine, Mr. Bryan discusses the future of the Democratic party, which he credits with wonderful vitality and increasing strength...

Francis Richter Making Good. Report from Vienna Shows that the Young Pianist Has Positive Qualities. PORTLAND, March 11.—(To the Editor)—I venture to ask the privilege of the Oregonian's columns...

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Psychologists have established the truth that all forms of the occult, no matter how respectable they may be, originate in a certain morbid nature...

IMMORAL POSTAL CARDS. Because of the strong protest against postal cards which bear caricatures of St. Patrick, Postmaster Anderson, of Chicago, has warned clerks and carriers to watch for improper postal cards and bar them from the mails...

CAN AN EX-CONVICT REFORM? The complaint of an ex-convict that he has recently arrested in Spokane and brought to Portland for trial upon a charge of which he was entirely innocent is doubtless typical of many complaints which could be made by men who have served their time and are then tried to live upright lives...

SALEM HAS VOTED \$20,000 IN BONDS FOR THE erection of a new public school building. Three years ago a \$400,000 building was erected in that city. Evidently the population of the capital city is growing rapidly.

UNMISTAKABLE SELF-CONFIDENCE. Providence Journal (Rep.). There is not the slightest semblance of pretense in the inaugural address of President Taft. There is no straining after effect, no rhetorical embellishment, no attempt at epigram or striking phrase...

REFLECTS TAFT'S SINCERITY. Pittsburg Gazette-Times, Rep. The strength of President Taft's inaugural address consists in its simplicity and frankness with which it outlines the policies to be followed by his administration...

IN SYMPATHY WITH ROOSEVELT. Chicago Evening Post, Ind. It is our belief that there never was a moment when so many Americans so heartily followed, admired and loved the President as follow, admire and love him now that he is laying down the power of office...

THE STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST. The state oratorical contest which took place last night in Central hall is an event which ought not to be overlooked by those who wish well to the young people of Oregon. Five of the leading institutions participated in the annual festival of speech, and it is encouraging to notice that the students were almost as deeply interested in their champions as they were in the football teams which took their glory back earlier in the year...

IMMIGRATION TIDE FLOODING. Immigration from the old world, which was suddenly interrupted by the panic of 1907, is setting in again in a volume which promises to break all former records. The steamer Romanic, arriving at Boston Monday, brought 1500 steerage passengers from Mediterranean ports, and last Wednesday the steamer Tegea, from Chemnitz, Kronland and Casanria, landed over 6000 immigrants in New York, the Carmania alone bringing 2350. Five other steamers arriving later brought the total for the week a New York to more than 11,000. Mr. Bryan is almost the only remaining man in high public esteem who still maintains the prestige of oratory. In his opinion, Lincoln became the great man because of his eloquence. The fact that Mr. Bryan holds this opinion is another evidence of the general unreasonedness of his views. Lincoln was in no sense of the word an orator. He was an able public speaker, who, in a plain, sensible, not very emotional way, communicated his popular ideas to the public. Naturally, his gift of clear and lucid statement was a great aid to him in politics, but if he had been an orator like Edward Everett, undoubtedly with his eloquent accomplishment would have gone down the drain. It is the American people's decline to trust him with power. This Nation demands from its public men the faculty of lucid speech, but from the beginning it has distrusted orators, and with good reason.

LETTING THE STANDARD OIL FINE GO AND modifying the judgment against the company. The Standard Oil company is pleading capital and the government will object until the lines get crossed. Instead of a railroad, why not put on a state-aided automobile line to cross the state? Then, perhaps, people might be able to find the land-grant roads that never were built.

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