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Portland, Tuesday, May 11, 1909.

THE NEAR ROAD TO JUSTICE. They who contend for the advantages of protection of their special products by tariff, and they who insist that commodities of foreign production, should be admitted free...

IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T PROTECT IRON AND STEEL AND MACHINE-MADE GOODS OF VARIOUS DESCRIPTIONS, WHICH WE CAN AND DO PRODUCE HERE IN OUR OWN QUANTITIES, FOR SUCH POLICY PUTS MONEY ALL THE TIME INTO THE POCKETS OF OUR MONOPOLISTS...

HIGH PRICES ENJOINED.

That the present high price of wheat is not a natural condition and that it is likely to result in ultimate injury to the growers is the opinion of Charles S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' Union...

For all that, there is a sound economic principle on which growers may base a protest against high prices for wheat or any other commodity. The injury resulting from high prices is a matter of record so plain that it cannot be contradicted.

At these prices farmers were as anxious to limit their acreage as they were to increase it in the past. The result that there followed four "lean" years, in which the crop averaged about 450,000,000 bushels...

This is a market trait that is not confined to wheat nor to any other agricultural product. When potatoes are \$2 per sack there is an immediate rush to plant them on every available tract...

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is occupied by a modern electric light plant; the hills on the west bank of the river have been denuded of trees, but the general contour of the landscape is unchanged and enough of the falls remain, even at the lowest stage of water, to chant a ceaseless requiem to the past.

THE PRIMARY VOTE.

In the primary on Saturday Mr. Simon received more votes than all the other candidates of both parties for Mayor. Simon's vote was 5683; all others—both parties—received 5513.

It is ridiculous, too, to assume that the candidacy of Simon was an attack on the primary law. This primary election, at which he got more votes than any other candidate, was a regular, legitimate and legal primary to which the supporters of the so-called assembly ticket conformed in every particular.

Who, then, are the friends of the direct primary? What faction can claim to be more faithful to it than the body of electors who nominate their candidates for Mayor under it?

It is assumed, however, that it is wrong to try to guide the primary by suggestion, advice or argument—worse, that it is to say, for any except the candidates themselves.

NEW TRADE ROUTE.

The Tehuantepec railroad and the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company have opened to the westward a new trade route that is fraught with great possibilities. The liner Riverside, which arrived at Portland yesterday, brought more than 200 tons of European freight.

These new trains will be of great advantage to Portland and to the territory served by this city, and now that Portland passengers are being taken on a train that is not the flag end of a California express, it is not improbable that the effect of competition will be still further felt in a through service.

MISSIONARIES AND THE TURK.

No sympathy is felt in the civilized world for Abdul Hamid. The consensus of opinion among the missionaries in Turkey, that Abdul Hamid had reigned too long. Disgrituted, humiliated, he has been forced into prison by the fury of his subjects and he is followed there by the scorn and the execration of the world.

In the meantime, the "massacre zone" presents most horrible scenes of slaughter, rapine, and unbelievable cruelty. As usual, there is a great anxiety felt for foreign missionaries in the Turkish part of the world.

As compared with the sufferings of the wretched inhabitants of the "massacre zone" in Asiatic Turkey at present and within the past fortnight, the sufferings of the people in the earthquake zone of Italy by now may be said to have been insignificant.

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seives with bodily comforts, and strive with the most material of their fellow-mortals for money, whereas to possess, but the things that make for physical comfort. All of which proves that they are sensible folk who have no intention of going hungry and houseless in order to support their denial of the material world.

COMPETITION, REAL AND IMAGINARY.

It is not at all clear, especially in view of the Supreme Court decision on the Hepburn bill, that Mr. Harriman can be prevented from owning stock in both the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

It is not at all surprising that the United States should supply this class of merchandise. The fact that the Canadian government does not levy an excessive duty on the supplies when the Canadian enters his home port with them.

An over abundance of money, produced by excessive taxation, is a temptation to official extravagance and malfeasance in office. The officials of the late state administration of Washington, quartered at Olympia, are being criticised for their inability to resist above this temptation.

The Willamette Valley and a large portion of the Eastern Oregon and Washington district lying south of Snake River enjoyed a fine rain Sunday and Monday, and there is now a good prospect of a crop of grain.

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"Seward's folly" it was called, in decision. Time has shown that the purchase might well have been called "Seward's foresight," so really great an acquisition has it proved. Though contributing enormously to the wealth of the Nation for more than a quarter of a century, its resources are yet unguessed and its vast areas still practically unexplored.

A chapter in the stagecoach history of Southern Oregon was concluded with the death, a few days ago, at Myrtle Point, Coos County, of James Laird, who, for many years, drove the mail coach between Rogueburg and his home town.

American Consul Wilbur, stationed at Halifax, reports that fishing supplies to the extent of \$750,000 per year are purchased in the United States by Canadian fishermen. These supplies include fishing nets, trawl lines, gilling thread, and similar equipment.

The Lieutenant-Colonel of the Senator's regiment was James Shaw, Jr., a most gallant soldier, who won the star of a brigadier at the storming of Fort Steadman. While he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twelfth Rhode Island in 1863 he enjoyed the reputation of having no superior in Sturgis' division in the intricacies of brigade tactics.

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SENATOR ALDRICH'S WAR RECORD

He Served Three Months in Our Army, Under Distinguished Officers. Albert L. Suesman in the New York Sun.

Nelson W. Aldrich is all right, and he deserves the nice things said about his army life, but he did not serve nine months, the Tenth Rhode Island was a three months' regiment. However, if the future Senator had elected to serve in the infantry, or in some other branch of the army, his record would have been honorable and worthy, as it has always been since the day nearly 50 years ago when he came a country boy to Providence to seek his fortune.

That he should have mastered the duties of the infantry soldier as few of his comrades did was to be expected of a man of his parts, and it was fortunate for him that three at least of his staff officers were men of exceptional ability. The First Colonel of the Tenth was Zenas K. Bliss, then a Captain in the Regular Army, who retired as Major-General in 1837, being then in command of Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio.

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ANOTHER BID FOR THE SOUTH.

President Taft Expected to Ignore Politics in Naming Federal Judges. Washington, D. C. Dispatch to the New York Herald.

President Taft's high ideals about the Federal Judiciary and his disposition to give only incidental weight to political recommendations in the appointment of United States Judges is making trouble for the men of the Republican organization who are responsible for extension and strengthening of the party lines.

They have long considered judiciary appointments a valuable political asset, to be bestowed upon Republicans who have either served the party well or who are highly recommended by party leaders. Mr. Taft, however, is proceeding with the utmost deliberation.

HOW A DEATH DEFEATED BLAINE. Absence of an Adviser Made Possible the Dr. Burchard Declaration. Washington, D. C. Dispatch to the Kansas City Star.

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Harvard Senior Plans a Daily Paper.

Harvard seniors are planning to start a daily paper. The paper would be published every day, except on Sundays and holidays. It would be a serious paper, and would be published at a price of five cents per copy. The paper would be published at the Harvard University Press.

NAPOLEON'S HORSE.

The Stuffed Image in the Musee At Paris. Letter in Washington Post.

Who could guess from looking at this little white, stuffed horse that long ago in his lifetime he was the favorite horse of the great Napoleon Bonaparte? As you can see from the photograph, he is smaller than the average horse, and one would expect a war horse, especially the favorite mount of such a conqueror as Napoleon, to be big and muscular.

The little white horse has just been discovered to have been hidden away for 40 years. It has been placed on exhibition in the Musee de l'Armee in Paris, a famous museum, where thousands of tourists and sightseers will gaze at it. Five years or so ago it was found in a box in an attic in the Louvre. On this box was the inscription, "A Monsieur de Chef des Musees Imperiaux a Paris, Cheval de Napoleon, From the Natural History Society, Manchester." (To the chief of the Imperial Museums at Paris.)

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