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BALLENGER AND PINCHOT.

All who know Secretary Ballinger have confidence in his integrity, and therefore stand by him. His purpose is protection of the public interests.

Mr. Ballinger knows the law and he knows the uses and practical application of the law. He knows the theory of the so-called conservation, too; and he stands for it and upon it as far as practicable.

Herein the contest, as so often explained by The Oregonian, is between state or local interests and the policy of central administration.

What should be done? Extinction of the proprietorship of the United States over these lands and waters is the first necessity.

The millions of Mr. Crittenton were used in building homes for unfortunate girls. They were also used in sending agents out into the highways.

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THE SPOKANE "MARTYRS."

Conditions in Spokane resulting from a clash between labor agitators with anarchistic tendencies and speech of the local officers of the law are to be deplored.

These conditions represent extremes in opinion and action that admit of no compromise. They must literally be fought out.

No principle involving the legitimate rights of the workingman is involved in the contention. It is conceivable that men who proceed in an orderly self-respecting manner to enrich their livelihood by the work which they have fitted themselves, or work which they have chosen and are willing to do, could find themselves in the wretched plight of these wretched advocates of the rights of laboring men.

A TRUE PHILANTHROPIST.

Charles N. Crittenton, who died in San Francisco Tuesday, was a millionaire and a philanthropist. He was not the kind of millionaire who piled up his millions by legalized robbery and jobbery, nor the kind of a philanthropist who with great ostentation makes indiscriminate gifts of libraries of questionable value, or places immense sums at the disposal of scientific or educational institutions.

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TWO YEARS OF DOLLAR WHEAT.

Have the days of cheap wheat (and of course cheap bread) passed forever? This question is suggested by the tenacity with which the premier cereal hoovers above the dollar mark.

Yet neither record-breaking Russian shipments nor the promise of a good yield in the Argentine nor a big crop in Australia seems to depress the European market so long as Chicago maintains prices.

BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

The letter published in The Oregonian by the Reverend William Hiram Foulkes on November 15 contains a passage which, in the interest of truth and fairness, we shall reprint, for the sake of a little comment.

Modern criticism has not "emasculated" the gospel or tried to do so, unless it is the "emasculated" which is one of the worst faults of the American pulpit and one of the prime causes of its weakness.

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THE "RETURN FROM ELBA."

An interesting Summary of Recent Conjectural Politics. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Interview a radical, thorough-going Roosevelt man; almost invariably comes the declaration that the ex-President will be back in 1912. His expression of disappointment in Mr. Taft, thinks his hour is fast finding its time controlled by the "interests."

Construction of an electric railway from Oregon City to Silvertown through the fertile Molalla Valley is said to be assured within a reasonable length of time.

Portland's trade with Coos Bay doubled and trebled within a year after the steamer Albatross was built, and it has been steadily increasing since that time.

The excellent recommendation of character given Crook Richardson by Detectives Day and Carpenter failed to save that worthy (bunce) man from a sixty days' sentence on the rockpile, although he is not serving it.

Occasionally poetic justice is rendered in this wicked world. In West Virginia the other day a mule was its humble medium, but the result was as satisfactory as if it had been a lion or a steam roller.

The old reproach "more ornamental than useful" does not apply to Fortnight's detectives. Their usefulness is about as small as it could possibly be, but they are still less ornamental.

People who think mankind has outgrown all its follies may chasten their pride by remembering that there is a magazine of Astrology published in Portland and that it has subscribers.

New England is the latest region to discover that it can raise apples "almost as good" as the Hood River product. When New England fruit brings Hood River prices in Boston...

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Republicans of Oregon Are Not Entitled to the Rights Attaching to Every Country on Earth: Some Comparisons Bearing on the Matter of Assembly.

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Here, finally, we have the comprehensive analysis of the hitherto complicated difference "twixt tweedie and tweedie." When Republicans gather from different sections of the state to discuss political action, it is necessary a concerted scheme to assail the public weal, but Democrats may do the same thing—make recommendations and urge members of the party to become candidates for Democratic nomination.

The rule laid down by this modern age of spirit is that the most progressive and the most religious, political and fraternal world may meet freely and discuss, recommend, may even "urge" selected members of the party to become candidates for positions, but the line is drawn at Republicans availing themselves of this blessed privilege.

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