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IT IS EVOLUTIONARY.

Day by day the Chicago Tribune collects and publishes columns of opinions about "the causes of the high cost of living." It takes more money, undoubtedly. Now, who gets it? The farmer seems to be getting his share, at present prices, and professional men appear, generally, to have their share of the property. According to the Tribune's showing, the advance in the cost of living in school teachers has been from 10 to 25 per cent in ten years. Bank clerks are said to average 45 per cent more. Department store clerks average 25 per cent more; policemen 25 to 35 per cent more. In two years, it is said, they have obtained but small advances—due to the willingness of persons to accept light employment at small pay. Labor statistics conflict; but it is certain that there has been advance all along the line. In two years, in Chicago carpenters have had an increase of 80 per cent, and bricklayers of 70 per cent. Yet employers are figuring more closely than ever before, and employes have lost some advantages which they formerly had. Formerly, in cases the work is by the hour, and the workman loses if anything interferes with the work. The workman's time is kept more closely than formerly, and occurrence of rain or lack of material may interrupt a day or two out of his time—interruptions formerly unnoticed. But there is a partial compensation through allowance of work for overtime, at a higher rate, not customary formerly.

SOME MISTAKES AND OTHERS.

"By the way," remarks the Seattle Times. The Oregonian, which professes to be a newspaper of facts and nothing but facts—has not yet corrected its misstatement about the 'slump' in Seattle realty." Dear, dear. All this after The Oregonian had painstakingly followed the Times through a maze of quotations about Seattle real estate, and had conscientiously presented them as the latest and newest information about Seattle's chief industry.

It is not necessary to hold an Assembly of 1000 or 2000 delegates to represent the Republican sentiment of Oregon, nor is it practicable. Democrats will try to spread discontent by declaring the Assembly not representative, no matter how numerous its members may be. It will stay their clamor to admit 2000 delegates any more than 500. Americans have always had strong Government and strong party cohesion, because they had delegated their power to representatives. That is still the guiding principle of their political action. And the results are bound to be good in Oregon this year, because the work of the Assembly must go to the party voters for approval in the primaries.

POOR OLD SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco is drifting back into that breezy, bubbling condition of immorality that is the mark of her famous. According to the news reports now coming from the Bay City, Mayor McCarthy has not only removed the lid, and lost it, but he has given the seething cauldron of the city a stirring and a change which will cause its odors to be wafted to the uttermost ends of the earth and bring back the birds of prey who feed in terror when reform and Henny Canned Meat are the only things that cage them. Since the days when the Forty-Niners carried their pokes down to the tents in which the Bret Harte story-book gamblers spread their lawless law, San Francisco's movements have been not unlike those of a steam engine unprovided with a throttle, a governor, or a safety valve. It was high speed while the steam lasted, and no speed when it was exhausted.

The fires have been drawn and the steam exhausted a good many times since the late William T. Coleman and his vigilantes lynched a few undesirable citizens, but there has been no permanent result. A change of decency for San Francisco. It has been a feast or a famine, a revel of wickedness, or a prayer meeting, a calm, or a tempest. The earthquake and fire which rased the city a few years ago appeared at a time when the Schmitz-Ruef ulcer of graft and immorality was ready to burst with its own rottenness. Too many physicians appeared on the case, however. For a time the city was a hospital, and the frequently heralded operations which are entirely successful, but are always followed by the death of the patient. San Francisco did not die, but she remained in such a distressing state of nervousness that she could not do more than her citizens were in despair, and in the belief that any change would be for the better, they elected McCarthy, who was supposed to be one of those leopards with changeable spots.

Recent developments, however, tend to the belief that Mr. McCarthy intends to make San Francisco once

approaches one hundred millions, in such a situation, where the efforts of an energetic democracy have freer play than ever known before in the history of the world.

THE FIZZLE OF GLAVIS.

The fellow Glavis spent four days of last week on the witness stand in Washington, reciting his evidence against Secretary Ballinger, yet the "great man" did not transpire. His "facts" turned out to be nothing but figments of imagination, suspicions, inferences, insinuations—all aiming to make himself important and a "great man" in the most trivial sense. He could not make the direct charge against Ballinger of dishonesty or corruption, but only bolstered up his personal belief of the "improper" conduct of the Secretary by quoting what a number of men had said to him or to other persons, or what they had written to each other, or what they had said in public and suspicions between officials of the Land Office and the Forestry Bureau.

MAKE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE.

There is ample time for discussing methods of choosing delegates to the Republican State Assembly this year in Oregon. The vitality of the Assembly will depend on the popular strength of the plan adopted. The first aim must be to make the gathering as representative as possible and practicable of the popular elements of the party membership. As the Assembly is to be a representative body, it must not be a mass meeting nor a "rally."

It is clearly impossible for all Republicans to meet in one place to carry out the purposes for which the Assembly is needed; also, for a considerable bulk of the party membership. Therefore, the proper way is for Republicans in the several counties to delegate their best recognized members, according to a state apportionment, to the Assembly. At a dinner of Republicans in Portland, last Saturday night, a letter from George H. Williams set forth this matter clearly, as follows:

The primary principle of our Republican system of government is that the majority shall rule. If it be true that the will of the majority of the Republican party in Oregon is to be ascertained, the best way to ascertain that will? I know of two ways in which this can be done. One is to have a mass meeting of the party in a mass meeting and there ascertain by their votes and votes the will of the majority. But this is clearly impracticable, and the only other way is for the Republicans to provide for an assembly of representatives of the party in each county. Without it the Government would cease to exist or become a despotic government.

again the tenderloin of America. Gamblers and prizefighters and prostitutes of the other sex are to be given free rein, and the old life will be lived over again. For all that, Mr. McCarthy's friends should be careful about taking checks or bad money, for there are enough decent people in San Francisco to demand another revolution, and, when the lid is replaced, the proceedings will not be interfered with or confused by any conflict between rival factions of franchise-seeking millionaires.

THE GROWTH OF THE METROPOLIS IS BUT A REFLECTION OF THAT OF THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS BUILT THE CITY.

Negotiations begun recently between the United States, Great Britain, Japan and Russia for a seal-protection treaty have been delayed by Canada's demand that the schooners and gear of the Canadian sealers be purchased. When it is remembered that the Canadians have worked the industry to the limit, and have twice supplied the United States with sealion, it is not surprising that the present request is certainly somewhat unreasonable. If the United States declines to invest in the schooners, many of which were driven away from the American flag by our absurd laws, the enterprising Canadians might resort to their former tactics. By making a sortie into the Bering Sea, and getting in the way of an American revenue cutter, they would probably be seized, as was the case several years ago. The American Government paid \$450,000 for the last batch of sealers made, and that sum would be ample remuneration for all the fish on the North Pacific sealing fleet.

THE COAST SEAMAN'S JOURNAL.

The Coast Seaman's Journal, the organ through which Andrew Forrester, the professional agitator, voices his peculiar ideas, has never been a very strong supporter of the ship subsidy. It has, however, insisted that American ships should be manned only by American seamen, and the law recently passed requiring these American seamen higher wages and shorter hours than are in force on the merchant marine vessels of any other country. As an example of the number of genuine "American" seamen available, the Journal gives a list of 13 members who have died in January, including eight who perished on the "Svein," a Swedish vessel, and two of England and Ireland, and one each of Germany and Finland. Perhaps the American members of the Seaman's Union do not die or get drowned.

THE KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT OF AN EMPLOYMENT-SEEKING GIRL.

The keen disappointment of an employment-seeking girl, who trudges the wet streets from Woodlawn or Selwood to the business center to save a few cents, and who, in the meantime, whose scanty savings do not warrant the expenditure even of the 10 cents, which she pays for car-fare, in order to answer an advertisement inserted in a "job" may not amount to much in individual cases. If this disappointment and mental anguish is multiplied by 200, the very humorous Mr. Jacobs, who inserted a fake "ad" in The Oregonian, Thursday morning can get a fair idea of the disappointment created by the "ad."

STATE GRANGE TAKEN TO TASK.

Protest Made Against Sympathy With Single-Tax Absolutism. SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—(The Editor.)—For years I have taken great interest in the work of the grange and have always viewed the grange as a conservative and a progressive and educational organization. Up to the present time I have never regretted having joined the order, yet I am compelled to dissent from what seems to be a departure from its past record.

THE ASSCENDENCY OF THE LUMBER TRADE.

The ascendancy of the lumber trade and the decline of the wheat export business, were never more strikingly shown than by a comparison of the two fleets now in the river. The January grain fleet, usually the largest of any month of the year, shows but three vessels in port under charter, while the foreign lumber fleet now loading at Portland comprises eight vessels of a carrying capacity of more than 20,000,000 feet. There is also loading in port a fleet of coastwise lumber vessels, with a carrying capacity of more than 5,000,000 feet. It will be several years before the last export cargo of wheat leaves Portland, but it is hardly probable that the tonnage of the foreign grain fleet will ever again equal that of the lumber fleet.

RECORD BUILDING MOVEMENT.

Nothing but a financial panic of far-reaching effect can prevent the year 1910 from being the most prosperous that Portland has ever known. Figures on the new buildings for which plans are now actually being prepared and some of which are already under way show a valuation of more than \$14,500,000, or more than the times the value of the work represented by the work in the hands of the architects a year ago. The best feature of this fine showing is that an overwhelming majority of the buildings contemplated have already been completed. The new buildings, which will be used for stores and offices, there are waiting lists for the most desirable quarters. All of this is evidence of new business and new capital flowing into the city and state.

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DEMOCRATS NOT RELISH BEING MISTAKEN FOR "FOOL STATEMENT-ONE."

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All over the state the news of opposition seems to be gaining ground. Even under the direct primary in the past, all the minority parties have had their representatives in the assembly, and the democrats as self-interest and occasion seemed to invite. Now the Republicans are determined to do the same thing. In truth, the great part of the opposition to the proposed movement seems to be from the very party which is to be benefited by it. In the past, but do not wish the Republicans to do the same thing. Without doing this, the Republicans will not handle their own business as they think best, whether it pleases the opposition or not.

CASTLE ROCK (WASH.) ADVOCATE.

The assembly plan of selecting nominees for state and county officers is fast gaining ground in Oregon. By this means the best men in the different parties will be brought forward, and the best men will be elected to office. The direct primary in Oregon has succeeded in getting a lot of incompetent men into office, and the people generally are disgusted with it for that reason.

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