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Portland, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1910.

ROOSEVELT ON THE TARIFF.

When Mr. Roosevelt was President he wrote a good many messages, but in none of them had he much to say about the tariff. He may have avoided the subject because he was afraid of it, or possibly because he knew nothing about it. It is even conceivable that both reasons influenced him.

There is no way to account for the extraordinary discrepancy in these totals except by the conclusion that many thousand Democrats in Multnomah (from 5000 to 7000) have registered as Republicans. That their action is the result of concerted effort and definite purpose is shown by the fact that from various facts, the most significant fact, aside from the figures themselves, is the complete and studied failure of the Democrats to put forth any kind of a ticket in this county.

What is the use of a Republican primary if it is to be controlled by a Democratic primary? Why not a miscellaneous free-for-all non-partisan primary where no qualifications are asked, no political qualifications are asked, and no partisan results are possible?

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five surveying parties on the unsurveyed land in the southern part of Harney and the eastern part of Lake County. The magnificent distances that abound in that land of undeveloped riches are reflected in the statement that it will require about three years for these parties to complete the surveys.

THE DEMOCRATIC GAME.

The total registration of voters for the coming primary in Multnomah County is 26,370, of whom 28,297 are Republican and 5201 are Democratic. The proportion of Republicans to Democrats is five against one.

Democratic papers are mixing up in the mud the names of the Republican primary; Democratic voters have shamelessly registered as Republicans for the purpose of destroying the Republican party; anti-

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BACK TO THE SMALL FARM.

A 600-acre farm near Medford was sold a few days ago for \$50,000 to a man who will divide it into small tracts to meet the requirements of a colony of Germans who will come from Iowa in search of a milder climate and better opportunities.

Pacific's Shasta route will always attract tourist travel and there will be increased traffic hauled out to the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon by the lines already constructed. But there will be plenty of business for a new north-and-south line traversing the country lying further to the east.

ROOSEVELT VS. LA FOLLETTE.

"Will Oregon, the home of the initiative, the referendum, and the recall, continue to allow itself to be misrepresented in the House (Congress) as it has so emphatically declined to be in the Senate, by 'system' statement of the caliber of Ellis and Hawley?"

Stockholders of the Oregon Short Line, which is controlled by the Union Pacific, will be asked to approve a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$27,800,000 to \$109,000,000. The matter will come up at a meeting to be held at Salt Lake City.

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\$150,000 DAMAGES ARE ASKED.

Alleged Furniture Trust is Sued for Large Sum. Upon allegation that a furniture and carpet trust, operated under the title of the Northwest Furniture Exchange, and composed of some of the largest retail firms in the Northwest, had driven them to abandon a business in Portland that returned a net income in Portland of \$10,000 a year, the Gilman Auction & Commission Company, owners of the business, filed a suit for \$150,000 damages.

The case has been on file in the United States Court since September, 1907. The Gilman Auction & Commission Company, according to the complaint, was a member of the combination until 1907 and asserts that it built up a business of \$60,000 a year because of the inside prices the combination was able to give its members.

It is charged that a conspiracy, embracing many of the large retailers of Portland, was entered into in 1903, by the terms of which no retailer on the Coast was to be supplied with furniture or carpets manufactured for the trade at Coast cities.

COURT WILL GO TO MEDFORD.

Jurors Drawn to Act During Term Beginning October 4. Charles E. Wolverson, judge of the District Court, is arranging to hold a regular term of that court at Medford, beginning October 4, when four cases are docketed to be followed by the trial of the estate of Laura Hitchcock, real estate, Medford; J. W. Bonar, farmer, Medford; Sam Stringer, farmer, Grants Pass; Paul C. Allen, farmer, Ashland; H. G. Meyer, farmer, Clifton; C. C. Taylor, hotel-keeper, Wagoner; J. W. Dodge, farmer, Phoenix; W. H. Norcross, farmer, Central Point; Sam E. H. Haskaway, farmer, Dryden; Theodore A. Class, farmer, Beagle; J. W. Merritt, merchant, Central Point; Jack Morris, merchant, Central Point; C. H. Demary, druggist, Grants Pass; Peter Van Hardenburg, farmer, Central Point; H. E. Gething, farmer, Murphy.

COURT OF APPEALS ADJOURNS.

McKinley-Montague Land Case Last One Argued. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth District, which has been in session in Portland, closed its term last night and adjourned without handing down any decisions.

The last case argued was an appeal from the Oregon Circuit Court decision of Polk County timber land was obtained in the name of a fictitious person by H. E. Montague, then Deputy County Clerk of Linn County. The land was afterwards sold to William C. McKinley, deceased, who traded his with the Government for Red Lands. Approval of the latter transaction is still withheld by the Land Office. The Government is seeking a cancellation of the patent.

Operator to Blame, Alleged Elevator Accident Fault of Plaintiff.

Negligence of Earl F. Jenkins in operating the street elevator at the Portland Hotel, is alleged by the case filed yesterday afternoon for damages, because of an accident. The Portland Hotel Company says Jenkins, who was employed by the company, failed to fasten the iron sidewalk doors when he went down on the elevator to take out the passenger. The trunk of the heavy door fell upon him, and he is said to have attempted to jump to the curb, being caught between the elevator and the sidewalk. The accident happened April 24.

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1500 Men Now at Barracks.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The 1500 men of the 15th Infantry, which returned last month from the Philippine Islands and the troops which have been fighting forest fires since the marauders at American Lake were discontinued, there will be about 1500 soldiers and officers in this post.

Southern Pacific Official Here.

James Horsburgh, Jr., general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, with headquarters in San Francisco, passed yesterday in Portland.

ONE VIEW OF MAINE ELECTION.

Better Class of Citizens Tired of the Prohibition Farce. Washington Saturday Review. Since voting the state of Maine two years ago, the editor of this paper has predicted on many occasions "that unless the Republican party changed front on the prohibition question Maine would go Democratic either in 1910 or 1912."

For years the better class of citizens in Maine have been heartily sick of the prohibition farce. The Republican party in order to keep the bootleggers, blind-burgers and prize-fighters in line have declared prohibition in their platform.

The issue has been reabandonment of the constitutional question to the people. The Republican party standing against reabandonment, and the Democratic party favoring reabandonment. The Democratic victory in Maine is entirely attributable to local dissatisfaction with the Republican party in the administration of state affairs, national issues being entirely ignored by both parties in the campaign.

The Democratic victory means that the people of Maine will have property rights in the obnoxious prohibition constitutional provision that makes the law-abiding element in Maine heartily sick of the farce of a law that restricts man's appetite by both parties in the campaign.

BRYAN ANSWERS ROOSEVELT.

Monopolies Must Be Owned, Not Controlled, by Government. Commoner. There are a number of unfortunate phrases in the Osawatimic speech, one of the most unfortunate of which deals with the trust. Mr. Roosevelt has presented the idea that the trust is an economic development and has come to stay. He says:

"Combinations in industry are the result of an imperative economic law which cannot be repealed by political legislation. The effort to repeal this law would be substantially futile. The way out lies not in attempting to prevent such combinations, but in insuring that they are in the interest of the public welfare."

This is a dangerous fallacy. He had a score of years ago with all the executive powers of the Government at his command and there were more trusts than he went out than he went in. He coerced him into consenting to the absorption of a rival and then, in return, he held him to nominal control. He controlled him by means of controlling private monopolies. "A private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable"—that is the Democratic platform. It is useless to talk about driving corporations out of politics as long as they have millions in the pockets of the Government and extortionate dividends.

Ed Howe's Philosophy.

Some men can't have a good time on an excursion unless they have a fight. There is one fortunate man who has a woman loving her pocketbook; the loss is not great. When you decide more than once not to do a thing, it is a sure sign that you will do it sooner or later. Another person's secret is like another person's money; you are not as careful with it as you are with your own.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Get the best of a man if you would see his worst side. Avoid the green and overripe when selecting fruits and foods. The success of a man is felt long after the sweetness of victory disappears. One nice thing about being rich is that people will listen when you want to talk.

Still Waiting.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The leading man had urged the star to marry him. She shook her queenly puffs. "No, George," she said in a voice that was vibrant with emphasis, "that would be folly. In the present state of the drummer we couldn't count on the press giving us anything better than the usual 'he and she' headline. We must wait until there's something in it for us!"

Lessening Chances.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Well, laughter, do you come back engaged?" "No, papa. There were only three single men at the dance in preference to the three who were engaged. I don't see what's to become of a poor girl!" "A poor girl of six seasons," replied her mother, "is a little better, 'cannot afford to be russy. Last year you turned down two paving contractors and a boss carpenter.'"

Simple Treatment.

Louisville Courier-Journal. "I want you to take care of my practice while I'm away." "But, doctor, I have just graduated. Have had little experience." "You don't need it with my fashionable patients. Find out what they like best eating and stop it. Find out where they have been summing and send 'em home again."

A dispatch from Burns, Oregon, says that the Government has started