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AGAIN ON TO BATTLE.

The Executive Committee of the Oregon Dry party suspends its strenuous labors at the pumps of the water-logged craft of state-wide prohibition...

NO MORE STATES' RIGHTS. States' rights remain will make an issue in the politics of this country. That issue was sealed with too much bloodshed, 45 years ago.

WHAT NOW OF THE SOUTH? The Democratic party won the recent elections by reviving to "conservatism." Bryan and his works of radicalism were cast out.

DEVELOPING ALL OREGON. The convention of the Oregon Development League will be held in Salem next week in an exceptional important to the entire State of Oregon.

OUR ARMY DESERTERS. Army life in the United States is far less attractive than in Great Britain. A report recently issued by Adjutant-General F. C. Alnsworth shows the percentage of desertions for the year ending June 30, 1910, was 3.66.

as he escapes from the army post. The location of the post at which the desertion will be found in the field by the officers are also factors in his decision.

Our mighty timber industry is still in a primitive stage of development, and it will attract as many different classes of investors and manufacturers as some of the other industries.

NEW YORK CITY AND STATE. Census reports on the city and state of New York reveal conditions that do not obtain in any other state in the Union.

It will afford some satisfaction to the people who could not afford to dine on turkey today to learn that the chief sufferers by the slump in prices were those who early in the Thanksgiving season made a great effort to force prices up to what this year has proved prohibitive figures.

Outside agencies are solving several perplexing problems for railroad presidents, traffic managers and general superintendents. In the news dispatches recently we have seen that the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco upholds the Interstate Commerce Commission's power to fix rates.

CANNON AGAINST CANNONISM. The spectacle of Mr. Cannon fighting tooth and nail to destroy Cannonism will be very entertaining if it comes off as advertised.

Now will be light alone. A goodly band of Democrats believe in the principle of free debate. They stand ready to fight for it even against the order of their party caucus.

BILLIONS FOR PEACE. Nearly all the \$30,000,000 Turkish loan recently negotiated will be expended on battleships and military and naval equipment.

What is going to be the "tabloid" form for the Oregon Washington Railroad and Navigation Company? Certainly the plain people will never call it by the baptismal name announced this week.

increasing sum for protection against the risk of war. The immensity of these figures—and in view of the activity everywhere in evidence, they are undoubtedly approximately correct—can hardly fail to impress thinking people with the necessity for some action by which this tremendous economic waste may be checked.

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This comparison is given to show the difference between what is considered radical law in New York and the law adopted through the initiative in Oregon, and also is it given because discussion of the principle of employes' compensation laws is taking place which may result in the presentation of some form of indemnity bill in the coming session of the Oregon Legislature.

Home Rule for Indiana. Indiana is so wide to consider whether a modification of county option along the Oregon and Washington lines would not settle the saloon question in Indiana for years and practically remove it from politics.

Balance in Authority Needed. Denger to a state and the liberties of its people may arise from too minute and direct an exercise of popular authority, as well as from the usurpation of an ambitious individual seeking autocratic authority.

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NEW YORK'S COMPENSATION LAWS

Structural Base is Less Radical Than Oregon's Liability Act. It is difficult to imagine a compensation act that, in conjunction with the new liability law, would not give the employe broader protection and impose heavier burdens on the employer.

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WHY MONTANA IS DOUBTFUL.

State Has Unusual System of Legislative Apportionment. Anaconda Standard. For its part, Montana seems to enjoy political classification as a doubtful state; it is so rated in some of the calculations that have been made by the President-elect two years hence.

In any event, the state will probably run along under the arrangement, with respect to a joint ballot, which lets the Democrats win the House, by dint of good campaigning, but lets the Republicans win the Senate.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are in the habit of electing the Governor of Montana in statehood there has been only one Republican in the position of Governor. Republicans have three times elected the Lieutenant-Governor. For the state Mr. Clark served one full Senate term and the Governor part of a term.

And Telegram Carries Temporary Dismissal to Southern Oregon. Klamath Falls Herald. The skipping of a space in a typewriter in the printing of a telegram in this city Thursday caused the telegram to read in such a way that it caused consternation in the ranks of the liquor men and exceeded the meaning of the prohibition law.

Horace Manning telegraphed to Portland for the figures on the statewide prohibition law and the home rule bill, and in reply received the following: "H. P. Manning, Klamath Falls, Or.: 'Will be at statewide prohibition upwards of 10,000 and carry home rule by a majority of 10,000.'"

They could not see, though, how the liquor men were so nervous, and it was suggested that it be verified. As soon as the telegraph operator was told what was wanted he informed the anxious inquirers that the message should read: "Will be statewide prohibition upwards of 10,000, and carry home rule by a majority of 10,000."

"WILD AND WOOLLY" DOESN'T FIT West Now Tamer and as Effete as New England. Sacramento Bee. Likening the lawlessness of New York to that of the wild west, we are where every man is a law unto himself, was not a very happy use of a simile by a New York Coroner who desired to censure his city.

Beginning the Coroner's pardon, we are no longer wild and woolly in the grand old city of New York. The average citizen, we have as much culture as the genus New Yorker and our farmers own just as many automobiles as the city dwellers.

Apple Paddle Is No More. Boston Herald. When one notes the long list of unfamiliar names borne by New England apples, and reads that apples are sent from the orchards of New England three for a quarter, one is driven to wondering whether there are still toothless grandmothers or great-aunts, who are invited to quiet rural homes, and eat their apples by the aid of those little wooden paddles with which old ladies of the kind were once wont to peel the sweet-sourish flesh of older-fashioned pippins to a pulp.

Boasman Not Eliminated. Philadelphia Inquirer. We have had all sorts of experiments with primaries. As yet the political millennium has not arrived, but many things have been tried. One of the best as electing Republican Senators from Democratic states and vice versa, such as nominating people for high office who have had no experience, etc. It is possible to reform politics by such methods, by all means let it be done, but it would be interesting to know what is the proper way.

The Spineless Cactus. Cleveland Plain Dealer. He is a spineless cactus. When I met him by the way, "It's very good for food," he said. "I must eat every day. It takes the place of chop and steak, and it's very good." It has a lot of goodness that I recommend to you.

I watched him munch the cactus with his narrow, toothless grin. The stem has sixteen vertebrae, and with the smooth lumpy, when mellowed with a dash of cream and a little salt, will make a satisfying meal.

REBUKE BY VOTERS NECESSARY.

Legislation Will Not Cure Large Expenditures by Candidates. Boston Advertiser. The problem of reducing election expenses of candidates will be solved by the pressure of public opinion, and by that alone.

The problem of reducing election expenses of candidates will be solved by the pressure of public opinion, and by that alone. As long as public opinion countenances large pre-election expenditures by candidates, and does not unmistakably manifest displeasure at such expenditures, in such way as to make that large expenditure operates against the candidate at the polls, the race between rival candidates will continue, with only individual and insignificant protests and refusal to follow the custom.

COLORADO SETS PRECEDENT. Nature Lovers Get Comfort From Novel Court Decision. Brooklyn Eagle. A recent decision of a Colorado court ought to have far-reaching influence for the protection of scenic beauties from defacement, if it should become a precedent in other states.

Cascade is a Summer resort near the base of the north slope of Piko's Peak. As its name indicates, waterfalls form large part of the scenic beauties. Recently a water power company diverted the stream which forms the cascades to run a power station. The spirit has issued a permit for the dam, but this diversion on the ground that in creating scenic beauty the water is already being put to beneficial use within the meaning of the statute is not subject to condemnation proceedings.

What would have happened if we had had such a law in this state when Niagara was tapped for electric power? The recognition of the commercial value of scenic beauty goes far enough to induce courts to prevent or to punish its destruction for purposes of advertisement, if you cannot destroy natural beauty to turn it into power, why should you be permitted to destroy it for the purposes of advertisement? The common sense of the law is that scenic beauties are a billboard was a public nuisance because it was an eyesore, it is slowly traveling eastward. Perhaps it will reach New York by another decade.

NEW PRISON RULES SUCCESSFUL. Trust in Convicts Found to Pay in Reformation in Vermont. The bold idea of allowing prisoners to go outside the jail alone and work without guards upon their honor, is a successful operation today in Vermont.

But One Safe Way. If you climb a tree in Northern Michigan you are shot for a bear; if you stay on the ground you are shot for a deer, and if you are shot at all, the temptation you're apt to be half shot any time. The moral of this, stay home and save up money for Christmas presents.

Bumped! Philadelphia Inquirer. In deciding to permit the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate its rates, it looks as though the railroad company had suffered a change of opinion after being thrown out of an upper berth.

Cruelty on Salt Creek. Baltimore American. The law compelling the filling of campaign expenses is cruel to the defeated ones. It is like forcing them to turn the knife in the iron wounds.

Children May Yet Cry For It. Denver Republican. When the children of the land discover that a pound of bacon costs as much as one of candy, doubt they will begin to cry for it too.

Moral Courage. Chicago Record-Herald. I can give moral courage to a man who becomes but a slave to a woman, without a cigar, cannot be at his ease, possesses no more self-control than a rabbit.