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MR. ROOSEVELT ON OREGON.

The Oregonian has deemed it worth while to print today extracts from a signed article by Theodore Roosevelt published in The Outlook for January 21.

It is interesting to observe, however, that the very safeguards that Mr. Roosevelt suggests as necessary are absent in Oregon, but that he expresses the opinion that the principle in Oregon has produced good results.

"If it is rendered too easy to invoke either process the result can only be mischief," says the ex-President. The ordinary citizen in private life, he asserts, neither can nor ought to spend his time in following the minutiae of legislation.

The brightest lights of the Oregon bar cannot agree on the interpretation of the amendment designed to reform procedure on appeals to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court itself has asked lawyers in general to submit proposals to aid it in reaching a conclusion.

On the amendment designed to give cities home rule in controlling the liquor traffic the Attorney-General has reversed himself, the lawyers employed by the liquor interests do not agree with him, and a railing by the courts is contemplated.

A bill to establish a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon has provoked a bitter political row and has resulted in severe charges against high officials.

A fisheries bill of direct interest to all fishermen of the coast of Oregon or state was adopted and will destroy for the benefit of sportsmen with hook and line a cannery industry in which \$100,000 has been invested.

In the amendment taking from the Legislature the power to regulate taxation the opening is left for every tax faddist to present his ideas in the form of state or county measures.

ly, so the profits to Carnegie and his friends who control the steel business are fully \$250,000,000 in excess of a fair and reasonable return on the investment.

IN GREEK ATTIRE.

It is possible that time and increase of wisdom may temper the natural aversion which the Portland patrolmen feel for the costume of the ancient Greeks.

Compulsory pilotage will never again be permitted with its poor service to levy toll on the commerce of the Columbia River, and it is gratifying that its restoration should be urged by the Pilot Commission.

OUR OMINOUS UNPREPAREDNESS.

Congressman Humphrey's eye must have been in "a fine frenzied rattle" at the annual banquet of the Lake Carriers' Association at Detroit Thursday evening.

THE BOURNE-KELLHAUER IDEA.

Possibly State Senator Kellaueh would have got along better with his little resolution at Salem if his motives had not been so obviously political and personal.

RESURRECTING COMPULSORY PILOTAGE.

The State Board of Pilot Commissioners is unduly alarmed over the abolishment of compulsory pilotage.

The Port of Portland has had no difficulty in securing the services of the best bar pilots engaged in the business, and their tenure of employment has always been based on the quality of their work.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners suggests that the state provide a power pilot schooner upon which pilots licensed by the State Board of Pilot Commissioners may be served and accommodated there under any and all contingencies that may arise.

Andrew Carnegie has given another \$10,000,000 to the research fund of the Carnegie Institution at Washington.

than this year and that its volume was much greater. It may also be accepted as certain that the height of the Willamette at Portland in 1861 was 30 inches lower than in 1890.

It will be well henceforward, in making improvements, to keep high water marks in view. Heavy fall of rain at this season is not uncommon although there are often intervals of considerable length between its recurrences.

The climate of the Pacific Northwest does not change from one decade to another; nor does winter weather. There are variations and recurrences but climate and weather are constant.

DEEP SEA FISHERIES.

Two Bandera men will leave, February 1, on a cruise west of Cape Blanco to search for halibut banks which are supposed to exist in that vicinity.

BIG FLOODS OF '91 AND '90.

The greatest Willamette River flood was probably that of December 1881. Such is the verdict of "oldest-settler" seamen.

PORTLAND NEWBOYS WILL NOT BE GAGGED BY ORDINANCE.

Portland newboys will not be gagged by ordinance. The news of today is the business man some years later, and should be heard from at all ages.

Can't believe that American citizens living in those Ohio districts sold their votes. The people are always to be trusted.

Paul Morton was getting too much pay, and being a Morton, tried to work up to it. That killed him.

Aerial travel will overcome flood troubles, but not yet.

DIVIDED PARTY BOURNE'S HOPE.

Senator Bourne has a chance Against One Candidate. LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—To one who has taken an interest in Oregon politics for many years, present conditions are interesting.

What is the condition of things on the Republican side? With its great apparent majority, what is its condition? It is in a worse state than its Democratic majority, and is carried every county in the state.

The distribution in the shape of Christmas bonuses to the employes of the United States Steel Corporation this year reached a total of \$2,700,000. This disbursement was in the nature of a reward of merit and covered a wide range, according to the efficiency and punctuality of the individual employes.

WHAT'S DOING IN OREGON COUNTRY.

Business Opportunities. Grass Valley Journal. If the man who is away with it is intimated that we will have a clothing store and also a grocery store.

Job Lot of Measles.

Seven children of Frank S. Morris, of Morris Bros. Realty Co., and three children of Paul Meyers, a non-lawyer of Mr. Morris, and a recent arrival from Montana, are rapidly recovering from an attack of measles.

No Fresh Accounts Opened.

Police Judge Joe Williams has got tired of imposing fines and then allowing the culprit their own time before paying. He will have sent the Marshal McGraw and they warned their feet by the City Jail stove at \$2 per unit their time were garnished.

No Excessive Silver Mines in Oregon.

WARRENTON, Or., Jan. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform a number of students of the Warrenton School if there is mining of any great extent in Oregon, and if so, where?

The Pipe.

Berton Bromley, in the Popular Magazine, Cigarettes and cigars in the city. But out of the pipe man.

But take an old brier that's seasoned. With half of the stem bitten through. It'll stand all the knots that you please.

It is caked by continuous smoking. It is dainty and blackened and strong. It is not for folks who are smoking.

Oregon may consider her face sufficiently washed.

SAFEGUARDS FOR THE REFERENDUM.

Roosevelt, in Editorial, Declares People's Power, if Too Easily Applied, Can Only Be Mischievous—Initiative Indorsed if Protected From Wanton Use.

Theodore Roosevelt, in the Outlook. A NUMBER of progressive conventions have recently enumerated among other principles, as necessary to popular government:

The proposition that will excite most misgiving and antagonism is that relating to the initiative, referendum and recall. As regards the recall, it is something which there is no popularly-undoubted possibility of mischief, and of course it is least necessary in the case of short-term elective officers.

There remain the initiative and referendum. As regards both of these, I think that the anticipations of their adherents and the fears of their opponents are equally exaggerated.

Bourne is a man that has to be reckoned with. He is an excellent demagogue, and that is a quality now in demand in Oregon. There was never another time when the demagogue had such an opportunity for success in Oregon.

IMPULSIVENESS HARRIMAN TRAIT.

Late Railroad Wizard Often Relied on Sudden Intuition. "Tip," New York Times.

Eddie Harriman is coming to the end of his long career of being dead forever; after the king of them all, the great Morgan, no living man is more talked about still among bankers and brokers than the dead Harriman.

Vegetarian Boots and Shoes.

Jewish Chronicle. An enterprising manufacturer has discovered a process whereby a passable imitation of leather may be manufactured from a vegetable product.

His Mistake.

Baltimore Sun. "Just one, darling," he pleaded, as fools do.

"One moment," she said, restraining him. "Tell me first, have you ever kissed another girl?"

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Switzerland. There have now and then been odd results. Recently by the use of the initiative, certain bills were proposed to the Federal Legislature.

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Harriman had an almost supernatural instinct for knowing what was going on and who was doing it in the mysteries of stock manipulation.

Once, when Southern Pacific had been going up fast, Harriman and various banking houses buying in concert, he called "buy" on the telephone one of his private brokers.

"Somebody is selling," he said. "Yes, sir," was the answer. "Well, sell the market 25,000 for me."

Immediately he called up the head of a banking firm much interested in the market. "Who's selling Southern Pacific?" he asked. "I don't know, we haven't been able to find it," he answered.

"I'll tell you," snapped Harriman; "it's your house," and he cut off the connection before any reply to him could be made.