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Portland, Wednesday, October 11.

PRESIDENT TAFT

President Taft will receive a warm welcome from the city of Portland. Both the character and the dignity of the office which he holds merit recognition, and it will be given in abounding measure.

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Of course it is too soon to appreciate at their full value the services which Mr. Taft has rendered to the American people in bettering our domestic conditions.

At every stage of his journey testified to an intelligent appreciation of his great services. The plain citizen already, done for the country, and what he plans to do in the future appeals to the imagination of the masses.

THE FAKER BUSY AGAIN.

John E. Lathrop, who first gave publicity to the notorious "Dick-to-Dick" forgery, has been trying to bolster up the fabric of falsehood he has woven about Controller Bay by denying or distorting the facts he discovered on his recent visit to Alaska in company with Secretary Fisher.

Governor Clark, of Alaska—himself no expert on the subject of territoriality—is supported by every reputable Alaskan in denouncing the articles which Lathrop has been writing about Alaska as false.

Lathrop also falsely stated that Alaska is pleased with the Government cable tolls to Alaska, which are 250 per cent higher than those charged by the telegraph and cable companies in the United States.

It is such a man that Pinchot chooses as his press agent to write the facts about Alaska. His conduct in that country is consistent with his conduct in Washington.

COMMISSIONER FAIRCCHILD.

The State of Washington will not soon find a man possessing the legal acumen, the force of character, the honesty of purpose and capacity for work of H. A. Fairchild, who will be willing to devote those talents to the state at the salary paid a member of the Public Service Commission.

Mr. Fairchild's unusual ability as a lawyer was recognized by his appointment to the bar, but his earlier career in Bellingham had disclosed a tendency to place the legal practice above that of his legal profession.

TROUBLES OF THE YOUNG TURKS.

The Young Turks have had a run of misfortune since they gained control of the Turkish government in 1908. For a year after the crafty Abdul Hamid had ostensibly surrendered to them, they were kept busy felling his intrigues and keeping their heads on their shoulders.

But in the very hour of triumph their troubles began. The massacre of Christians at Adana and vicinity was the worst in recent Turkish history and the world was curious to see whether the conduct of the Young Turks would square with their professions of devotion to civil and religious liberty.

Their next had to face a renewed outbreak of the chronic rebellion in Arabia and were compelled to hurry troops thither only to see them defeated repeatedly. Crete attempted once more to annex herself to Greece and a movement to send Turkish troops to the island was vetoed by the powers, which again restored the shadow of Turkish sovereignty without the substance.

from all taxation, and has been compelled to borrow. Amid all these difficulties the Young Turks have been exerting themselves to develop the resources of the empire and bring it up to date.

At this point, when they are striving to inspire the mixed population—mixed both as to race and religion—with a sentiment of loyalty to the empire and to inaugurate a new policy of maintaining the territorial integrity of the empire in contrast with the policy of the old regime, which allowed one province after another to be lost, the attack of Italy on Tripoli must be most mortifying.

Democracy seems to have come to Turkey too late to save her from dismemberment. With Tripoli lost and Crete as good as lost, she will have no non-contiguous territory except a few islands in the Aegean Sea, and the whole tendency of European policy is to push her gradually out of the Balkans and make her purely an Asiatic power.

A SALE OF BUFFALO COATS.

The 4900 or 5000 buffalo coats which the United States Government has for sale are survivors from the good old days when the Indian and the principal means of his subsistence roamed together over the plains.

Persons who are not yet very old can remember well enough a time when buffalo coats were common. It was also usual in those days to sport buffalo "sleigh robes."

It is the fashion to lament over the disappearance of the buffalo and no doubt their slaughter was carried on wantonly and foolishly. In fact, it has always been the rule for part of a nation to rise by trampling on the rest of it.

HOW TO ATTRACT CAPITAL.

Two alternative policies for Alaska are proposed by President Taft and Gifford Pinchot. Both appear to have the same general plan, for both favor leasing the coal land, but their policies radically differ because their point of view differs.

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What is a spiritualist convention without spooks, and how are the spirits to be excluded? The fool man watching the parade is expected to shout: "Hullo, Bill!"

Gleanings of the Day

There is only one right way to hold a cigar; that is, if the smoker has an especially easy chair in which he is liable to fall asleep while enjoying the fragrant weed.

While the quality of doctors is improving, the quantity is decreasing, according to a report made to the American Medical Association. For the year ending June 30, 1911, there were 15,786 students studying medicine in the United States, the lowest number since 1900, and 1746 less than in 1909.

The war on middlemen, begun in Indianapolis by the Mayor's purchase of potatoes wholesale and sale of them retail at a price which broke the corner, has become general and has assumed the form of a general co-operative movement.

Dorothy Senor, in "The Gay King: Charles and his Courtiers," has given most frank and graphic pictures of the most dissolute of the Stuart Kings who ever cursed England by producing a royal progeny.

Attorney-General Wickham is now the target of those who assail the Administration. The New York Evening Post has a Washington dispatch in which it mentions his opinion on the National City Bank in conflict with that of Secretary McVey.

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