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BYRAN'S EMBROIDERY CHAIN.

By a combination of mendacity, misrepresentation and false inference, prompted by prejudice, W. J. Bryan, in his Commonsense, undertakes to prove the amazing charge that President Taft packed the Supreme Court in the interest of the trusts and that the court carried out his purpose in the all-around tobacco decisions.

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The Nebraska statement implies that the declaration of the public platform of 1893 in favor of amendment of the anti-trust law was the result of thirteen years' effort by the trusts to secure legislation to permit "reasonable restraint of trade."

The speech of Governor, now Supreme Justice, Hughes, at Youngstown, O., on trusts, is the only one in which he assumed by Mr. Bryan to have been an authorized interpretation of the platform to mean that the word "unreasonable" would be inserted, "as a trust desired."

Mr. Bryan's charge that the trusts must all dissolve is a menace to the rights and liberties of the people. It is a threat that the trusts must go to jail. These men, whose cretures the President and Supreme Court are said by Mr. Bryan to be, are filling the air with mingled imprecations and supplications to those very creatures.

With one exception every important passage under the anti-trust law since its passage has gone to the benefit of the trusts. Mr. Bryan calls for a little light after the plain facts have cast a flood of light on the motive of the appointments, which was to fill the Supreme Bench with lawyers of the greatest learning, wisdom and uprightiness.

cock. He has proved that his steam roller is good to crush expenses in his department as well as to crush opposition in a convention. If he can pound out his term of office by establishing a parole post, he will have made a record equal to that of any other Cabinet officer.

A LITTLE SERMON ON BENT PAYING.

A single taxer says that the people of Portland are paying the enormous sum of \$10,000,000 per annum to the landlords for rent. It is a vast amount—something like \$90 for each acre of land.

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PLAYING THE GAME.

Here are a few things for the prayerful consideration of those "independent" newspapers in Oregon which profess themselves as unspookably shocked because a Taft committee has been organized in Portland to support the renomination of the President in the coming April primary.

The news dispatches announce the opening in Chicago of the La Follette political headquarters from which the campaign for the Presidency of Mr. La Follette will be conducted throughout the West. There is no reason to believe that Oregon will be overlooked.

A La Follette headquarters has been opened for two months or more in Washington city where offices have been leased, a corps of clerks and stenographers hired and a vast amount of literature distributed throughout the country.

The friends of Woodrow Wilson have established on Broadway, New York, a press bureau that looks diligently after the Presidential prospects of that distinguished gentleman. It is said that this bureau has broken all records for the diligence and thoroughness with which it has gathered news and disseminated it.

With those Oregon newspapers which professed to see in the organization of the Taft committee a menace to the rights and liberties of the people, tell us what they think of the kindred outrages being perpetrated by Mr. Wilson and Mr. La Follette, or in their respective names?

SUBTANAS AND PLATONICISTS.

Quite a change has come over the spirit of our National dream as far as a subterfuge serving on plutocrats is concerned. Time was when the Nation was remembered by the spectacle of John D. Rockefeller skulking behind the woodpile to shun an officer with a summons to testify in court.

The death of Mrs. Laura A. Porter, of Forest Grove, notes the passing of the last of the little band of settlers who were in the beginnings of Pacific University. Mrs. Porter was a Christian Temperance Union of about 1850, appointed a committee to wait upon Mayor Wheeler and put the same before him and ask his co-operation in having the law obeyed.

MR. PERKINS AND THE TRUSTS.

We think with Mr. G. W. Perkins that much of the popular prejudice against corporations comes from inadequate information and misapprehension. In the article in which The Oregonian published yesterday Mr. Perkins succeeds pretty well in showing that the modern corporation is very far from being a purely artificial device hatched up to rob the public for the benefit of unscrupulous promoters.

An ideal hospital site is that recently purchased at Oregon City. This is known as the Carey Johnson house, having been built many years ago by Hon. Carey Johnson and long occupied by himself and family. The site is commanding, the view wide and extensive, the air pure and bracing, and in every way suited to the repose of the convalescent and the restoration of the invalid.

The decision to name the great mountain peak in Jackson county McLoughlin is a fitting honor to the early settler of Forest Grove who was written. Worthy statesiders were these early pioneers, and of fragrant memory. They belong to the large company of those of whom it may be said: "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Death of the young women in the Clatsop powder factory looks like corporate murder. Washington has a Labor Commissioner. Where was he and why had he not safeguarded these unfortunate people compelled to labor under hazardous surroundings?

The Manchus just kill, kill, kill. All they seem to care to do is destroy life. Old-time pictures of bloodthirsty demons were modeled on what the Manchus might appear under the blood lust and were not far out of the way.

about destitute of humanitarian intelligence. Let us supply it, says Mr. Perkins. As the great corporations now exist they resemble the baronies of the middle ages. France, to choose the best example, was broken up into such baronies all fighting one another, all robbing the people, all resisting regulation by the central power at Paris.

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STORY CAUSES LIBEL SUIT.

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The grocer, under orders, carried the fruit to a garbage can. The whole lot he intended that he did not sell to the consumer and could not be prosecuted, but was convicted. Recently large quantities of fruit for sale were found to be entirely unfit for food.

SEATTLE SELLS BAD FRUIT.

Leading Commission Dealer Fined in Police Court at Elliot Bay. SEATTLE, Nov. 2.—One of the principal commission firms of Seattle was fined in police court today for selling decayed peaches to a grocer. The retailer was arrested by a city health official, who was attracted by the sign "peaches 10 cents a box. The peaches were found to be entirely unfit for food.

NEW STATION BEING BUILT.

Nevada-California-Oregon Tracks Reach Northwest. LAKEVIEW, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Chief Engineer Oliver, of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway reports that rails are laid to Susan's Landing, a station, has been abandoned on account of a legal angle. The crew is encamped on the new right of way, within a short distance of the center of town.

DEMURRER IS SUSTAINED.

Six Prominent Northwest Men Released by Flaw in Indictment. SPOKANE, Nov. 2.—On the ground that the expression, "for mailing and delivery," was absent from the indictment against the Idaho Hardware Company with fraudulent use of the mails, Federal Judge Riddick today sustained the demurrer, thus dismissing the charges against six prominent citizens of the Northwest. The six men are D. W. Starrod, president of the First National Bank of Pocatello, Idaho; A. B. Moss, president of the First National Bank of Payette, Idaho; James A. Murray, a Butte millionaire; J. B. Ferrin, of Twin Falls, Idaho; Paul A. B. Jones, of Jerome, Idaho; and Don Davenport, of Spokane, Idaho.

FALL CROSSES BOY'S EYES.

Schoolboy Falls From "Gym" Bar and Shakes Eye From Place. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Clarence Montgomery, a 14-year-old paper carrier who attends Riverside school, met with a peculiar accident which shifted the position of his left eye. With some other boys he was practicing athletics in a gymnasium and Clarence was using the turning bar, which, while he was exercising on it, slipped from its socket and threw him to the floor. The bar fell on top of him and struck him over the left eye, jarring it out of place, so that the angle of vision apparently crossed that of the other optic.

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LANDSMEN ACT AS HOSTS.

Line and Staff of Pacific Fleet Are Entertained Ashore. LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—Rear-Admiral Chancy Thomas, commander of the Pacific fleet; Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southernland, in command of the second division, and 130 officers of the fleet, who were anchored in Los Angeles harbor were guests of the city today.

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HARNEY COUNTY SURVEYED.

Four Crews Are Concluding Labors and Will Report. BURNS, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—George Cartier, who has been in charge of a crew of surveyors and engineers, returned this week from the southern part of Harney county with his men and outfit, and has gone to Ontario, from which point they will operate through Malheur county next year. These men are one of four crews of about 14 men each, who have been employed for two seasons subdividing the Harney county survey. The survey of the past two seasons will probably be in the hands of the Surveyor-General next February.

NEW RAILROAD IS PROJECTED.

Electric Road From Ashland North to Eugene Announced. MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Medford is taking great interest in the proposed electric line to run from Ashland to Eugene, incorporated Saturday at Eugene, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000 under the name of the Oregon Southern Railway Company.

CONTRACT WILL BE LET SOON.

Representatives Look Over Eugene-to-Coos Bay Extension. EUGENE, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—It is probable that contract for the first 25 miles of the Eugene-Coos Bay extension will be let within a short time. Right of way is practically complete to the Coast range, and representatives of large contracting firms have been going over the line of the survey almost daily. Farmers and commission men have been interviewed regarding prices and delivery conditions.

ALBANY INDOOR BALL SEASON.

Before a Big Crowd in the Armory. EUGENE, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Before a big crowd in the Armory, the Oregonian Albany Indoor Baseball League began its schedule last evening. The Knights of Columbus winning the opening game from the Alca Club, by a score of 12 to 9.

PASTOR RUSSELL WRITES LETTER.

He Will Not Use Miracle Wheat Money for War, Pending Results. (PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(To the Editor.)—I beg to call your attention to an open letter from Pastor Russell explaining his connection with "Miracle Wheat." This letter was published in the Brooklyn and New York papers and is self-explanatory.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(To My Friends and the "General Public.")—"Miracle Wheat" has certainly obtained a wide publicity through the public press. The professed donation by my friends, Mr. Bohner and Mr. Fleish, and of small interest to me, of "miracle wheat" to our fund for printing free tracts in all languages has been made to appear a crime, because some placed upon me, and by these friends, \$1 per pound, postage paid, is criticized as excessive. It did not so appear to me, and evidently did not appear to Mr. Bohner, who purchased it. Under the circumstances, I, as president of the society, shall refuse to accept the proceeds of this seed-wheat fund, and will insist that the purchaser of the wheat disassociated or disappointed with his bargain shall have his money back on demand.

HIGHEST WATER IN WILLAMETTE.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 2.—(To the Editor.)—The water was the very high water in Portland. Weather Bureau records show that the highest water known in the history of Portland was June 7, 1894, when the river attained a height of 33 feet.

PRESIDENT POSTER APPROVES.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 1.—(To the Editor.)—Let me thank you in general for your views concerning the function of colleges, and especially for your editorial in The Oregonian this morning. Unless Reed College is fundamentally wrong, it is doing a noble and a praiseworthy service in the cause of a higher education worth the name. WILLIAM T. PORTER.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

Zoo Animals Pose—An unusual page of photos of Portland's City Park denizens as caught by the camera man. The Amazons' Siege—A record of the work, victories and failures in the woman's suffrage campaigns in America. Fables in Slang—George Ade's 1911 fable of the woman who were opposed to vivisection except within the union. Underclass Mix Day—Half a page, illustrated, on a new custom that has replaced hazing in one of the big schools. Civil War Adventures—Portland veterans relate experiences at Cedar Creek and the Siege of Richmond. A Social Somersault—One of George Randolph Chester's cleverest tales on high finance. When the World Was Young—Something about the life of 10,000,000 years ago, as revealed by recent governmental research work. Wives Who Pursue Careers—An illustrated half-page on the work of an interesting group of professional women. About Goldendale—Addison Bennett writes interestingly of a thrifty Washington district. The Widow Wives, Sambo, Hairbreadth Harry, Slim Jim and Mr. Boss have new adventures, and little Anna Belle has some nice new clothes to cut out.

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