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BLAINE AND ROOSEVELT.

An ingenious writer in the New York Evening Post has worked out quite a convincing parallel between the relations of Harrison and Blaine in 1888 and those of Taft and Roosevelt in 1912.

But the parallel goes farther than this merely personal matter. The McKinley tariff bill was signed by President Harrison October 3, 1890. It is the second year after his election.

During Harrison's term, from 1888 to 1892, Blaine occupied a position not unlike Roosevelt's since Mr. Taft took office. He was the most conspicuous man in the Republican party...

It matters nothing to these men that by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which they ask us to abrogate or violate, we guarantee equal treatment to all nations in consideration of the consent of Great Britain to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty...

Next comes Commissioner Chamberlain, of the Bureau of Navigation, with a suggestion that the law of 1884, which provides that no tolls or operating charges shall be levied for the use of any lock or canal...

from one to the other that it will amount to the same thing. It is freely predicted that the party which nominates the most radical candidate will win the election.

TABOORED SUBJECTS.

The New York World makes an attack upon the historic unit rule of the National Democratic Conventions. Unmindful of the fact that it is a Democratic principle, thoroughly established by Democratic precedent...

THE CONVERT.

Woodrow Wilson evidently changed his mind about Colonel Harvey, too. It is a way he has. The new light throws its radiant glow about him—the new light of personal ambition and political desire—and he sees things differently.

The exact date of Professor Wilson's conversion is lost to history. It appears to have come some time between 1907 and 1909. It was about this time that he repented of his previous sins and became a candidate for Governor of New Jersey on his road to the Presidency.

It is the Presidency a sufficient reward for this supreme act of selfishness and treachery? Ship subsidy advocates have one virtue—they do not know when they are beaten.

There is much to be done in preparation for the great swarm of immigrants, and the Tacoma committee of musculars to many at a conference called now too soon if it is to be done with system and good results.

POULTRY RAISING AS A PROFESSION.

There is something interesting and attractive in the poultry business. It is a business, however, which requires the greatest care and persistence and no small degree of intelligence to succeed. Also, if it is to be a business by itself, instead of a side line of general farming, complete and costly expensive equipment is necessary to success.

thoughts, trap nests and generally "efficiency" plans, the happy, fluffy, healthy flocks—these are the adjuncts of commercial poultry raising.

A FORTUNATE INCIDENT.

It is probably just as well that the Cowell-Erickson wedding ceremony at Centrala broke off the way it did. While the minister was reciting the marriage service the bride changed her mind and at the fateful question, "Do you take this man to be your wedded husband, to love, cherish and do not?" she said "I do not."

PREPARE FOR IMMIGRATION.

Most timely is the call issued by the Young Men's Christian Associations of the Pacific Northwest for a conference between their officers and the commercial bodies of this section at Tacoma on February 21 and 22 on the immigration which will come to the Pacific Coast after the completion of the Panama Canal.

Watch for a scramble among the other Democratic aspirants for the salvage from the Wilson boom, wrecked by the break with Colonel Harvey. The man from Nebraska may yet gather it in, to save the Democracy from falling into the hands of the reactionaries.

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INEQUALITIES OF SINGLE TAX.

Writer Contrasts Effect of Scheme on Wealthy and the Poor. PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—In a booklet called "Outlines of Louis Post's Lectures on the Single Tax" and kindred subjects in which the author strongly advocates the adoption of that scheme of taxation he adds an appendix stating certain questions which have been asked and his answers thereto.

Now if the scheme of the single taxer is to prevail, this widow would pay the taxes on all the property she owns in her bare lot and her voluntary contribution to the Fels fund to bring the curse on other counties as well as her own.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, January 20, 1862. In a recent article "on change" the Memphis Appeal discusses the famine prices to which breadstuffs and necessary supplies are tending. Flour sold on the day previous at \$11.50; wheat, \$1.50 for poor to \$2 for good; corn, 90c to \$1, sugar, 8 to 8 1/2c; ham, 25c; salt had advanced to \$12.50 per sack in New Orleans and so advanced to Memphis.

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Nitts on Spook Securities

Nescius Nitts, he whose wisdom, men state. Kept Funkindorf Station with pride plumb estate. Observed an ant crawl o'er an old onion crate. (A curtain I'll draw o'er the ant's bitter fate). Then spake upon spooks, as I herein relate.

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