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Portland, Tuesday, March 19, 1912.

Roosevelt's Backers.

Let us see who are promoting Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy with cash and personal service. Men do not contribute campaign funds of \$200,000...

Interesting Old Age.

The Countess of Warwick has a philosophy which is not unlike Oliver Wendell Holmes'. When that hale old sage reached his 70th birthday he announced to his friends that he was "seventy years young."

Anti-Military Dream.

Let us disband the Army and dismantle the Navy. Let's muster out the militia and discontinue our cadet corps. These things merely contribute to that baleful survival of ancient and medieval barbarism—militarism.

Socialists and Patriots.

A Socialist writes to The Oregonian decriing patriotism as based on the assumption that "one man is better than another because his place of birth was separated by imaginary boundaries."

The Trusts' Only Hope.

Although President Taft is denounced by the insurgents as not progressive enough for them, the financial interests of the East are turning to the Democrats for deliverance from his radicalism.

purpose to prosecute the trusts without finching, to hammer away at Congress until it passes legislation that shall regulate corporations as will not concede the possibility that a trust can be good. He has laid down a line of action on the tariff which, when carried out, will subject their swollen profits to continual scrutiny by an impartial board and will steadily whittle down those profits to a fair margin under such conditions that the protected interests cannot combine on prices in defense of their grafts.

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A Halt on Loan Robbers.

One of the definitions given by a standard dictionary of the word shark is "a petty thief, a swindler." The loan robbers are usually designated as loan sharks, but the term does not fit for editorial purposes.

Would Run the Agitators.

T. H. Jones believes the Red Flag should be suppressed. "Are we to have this city held up before the world as a breeding-place for the element who are denouncing every American institution?"

Protest Voiced by Socialist.

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