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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1912.

THE LAST STRAW.

No surprise need be felt or expressed that President Taft should lose the Jersey, after the almost unbroken series of reverses that culminated last week with Ohio. New Jersey is merely piling Pelion on Ossa. New Jersey indeed gives Colonel Roosevelt twenty-eight more delegates; but it is not likely that they will determine the issue. The fact that Taft's status as a defensive candidate and the surviving Taft following as the anti-Roosevelt wing of the Republican party. Nominally President Taft has a majority of the Republican electors, or he has the most thing—the machinery of the party supposedly within his control so that he can produce the majority when and where it is needed. The strategy of the Roosevelt management in seeking to break down the precedent by refusing to accept the temporary chairman and by insisting that contested delegations be not permitted to vote on the temporary organization is made necessary by a situation on its face adverse. Yet it is curious to see the National committee's choice for temporary chairman and by insisting that contested delegations be not permitted to vote on the temporary organization is made necessary by a situation on its face adverse. Yet it is curious to see the National committee's choice for temporary chairman and by insisting that contested delegations be not permitted to vote on the temporary organization is made necessary by a situation on its face adverse.

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PROOF OF OUR PROSPERITY.

With crops of staple commodities approaching \$150,000,000 in value, the Pacific Northwest can view with serenity the outlook for the year 1912. Depression from various causes, political, financial or industrial, may seriously affect the highly developed industries of other sections of the country, but their effect is least on the industries of the Pacific Northwest. The reason is that the industries of this section are basic. Our products are the staples of food and clothing, which every person must have in good times or bad. The lumber industry is almost in the same class, for it produces the commodity most necessary after food and clothing.

THE TROUBLES OF ACKERSON.

Mr. Ackerson's name begins with A, and he headed the present list of candidates for delegate to the National Republican Convention. But that is not the reason Mr. Ackerson also led all the rest in the poll. Not the reason at all. Dear, no. The reason is that Mr. Ackerson was and is for the most part a man of high character and high ability. He is not only a man of high character and high ability, but he is also a man of high character and high ability. He is not only a man of high character and high ability, but he is also a man of high character and high ability.

A SACRIFICE TO OVERCONFIDENCE.

The report of the Senate committee on the Titanic disaster brings out clearly the fact that familiarity with danger bred overconfidence on the part of the captains of both the Titanic and the Californian. Both captains had so long enjoyed immunity from collisions with icebergs that they underrated the danger. The same difference is found in all occupations where danger is escaped day after day. Immunity finally makes men so reckless that they forfeit their lives and those of others.

THE FRUIT OF THE PLUM TREE.

The fruit of the plum tree is a powerful incentive to the politician, but this is a bad year for plums. The plum tree is a powerful incentive to the politician, but this is a bad year for plums. The plum tree is a powerful incentive to the politician, but this is a bad year for plums. The plum tree is a powerful incentive to the politician, but this is a bad year for plums.

will find railroads and trolley lines penetrating to sections which until recently were inaccessible to market. They will find rural telephones breaking down the isolation of the farmer. They will find country high schools which enable their children to complete their education in ordinary branches of study without going far from home, and higher institutions of learning which will equip the young for any trade or profession. They will find rivers opened to free navigation and wharves improved by the efforts of the people themselves in co-operation with the Government.

Immigration is no longer invited by the mere bombast of the boomer. It is invited by the achieved prosperity of the present population. It is no longer invited to a wild, raw country devoid of the conveniences of civilization. It is invited to a country where the steam car and trolley car are fast driving the stage coach out of use. The producer is no longer a helpless unit in marketing his crops. He is a member of a complete, up-to-date marketing organization in any line of industry.

MEAN ISLANDER OF ROOSEVELT.

Theodore Roosevelt drinks very little liquor. He says so himself, and it is undoubtedly the fact. Recent correspondence has subjected between him and William H. Hartford, of New York, has appeared in the Eastern papers, and it is worth reproduction as an interesting contribution to the other interesting material of an interesting campaign. Mr. Hartford on May 11, 1912, wrote Roosevelt as follows:

MEMORIAL DAY.

The significance of Memorial Day will necessarily broaden with the passing years. Originally it was consecrated exclusively to the soldiers of the Civil War. Today no inappropriateness is felt in associating with the honor due to the loyal defenders of our country the names of our heroes of commemorative plecty. Memorial day has become an occasion for paying tribute to all whose names are enrolled in the great army of the departed. The theme of the Civil War is still predominant on May 30, but others are distinctly heard in the reverential symphony.

THE PARIS NEWSPAPERS.

The Paris newspapers are a little hasty in inferring the Kaiser's peaceful intentions from his interest in his wife's Spring hat. He may be all right, but he knows that the artificial William has laid a subtle scheme to lull Paris into fatal security by pretending to be absorbed in hats while all the time he is secretly massing troops along the Rhine? We had not supposed that Frenchmen could be so glib so easily.

MISS MERRETT.

Miss Ethyl Merrett, who holds the role of Hattie, the maid in "The Miracle" under Florence Roberts at the Orpheum, while a New Yorker by birth, is an Oregonian at heart as her mother and 5-year-old baby girl, Barbara, live in Salem. Miss Merrett took a flying trip to Salem last Tuesday, leaving here at 1:30 o'clock by the Southern Pacific and arriving at the State capital at 3 o'clock in the morning. A taxicab was waiting and whisked her to the outskirts of the town on South Fourteenth street, where Mrs. L. Townsend, mother of the actress, is domiciled in a bungalow.

THE BAKER TRUST.

If the farmers can make their marketing trust Nation-wide, the Steel Trust will be a midge by comparison. But can they? To organize a great trust requires the genius of a Rockefeller. Who knows but that the artificial William has laid a subtle scheme to lull Paris into fatal security by pretending to be absorbed in hats while all the time he is secretly massing troops along the Rhine? We had not supposed that Frenchmen could be so glib so easily.

THE SENESE EUGENIST.

An eugenisist is an advocate of the science of eugenics. The teachings of that science are his beliefs. Eugenics is the science of improving stock, whether human or animal, by judicious selection. It is usually applied to those interested in improving human stock. Theories affecting this are various. They include the marriage of only healthy and properly fitted persons, the sterilization of the insane and criminal, and pre-natal influence upon the character of the child. Physical and mental. An article in the Oregonian of April 14 takes up the subject at length.

TRAIN AND FERRY.

LANGHELL VALLEY, Or., May 28.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer the following on the editorial page of your journal. Would a train leaving a ferry boat by a trestle and usually the boat to the landing? Of course the ferry boat is securely fastened and it could not move. If not, please tell whether the boat would move in any way—that is, have a tendency to move in any way? Thanking you in advance, I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, J. B. HAYNES.

NEBRASKA ELECTION RESULTS.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 28.—(To the Editor.)—Could you please inform me as to the results of the Presidential election in Nebraska for the year 1904, or if statistics are not at hand, could you say as to how badly W. J. Bryan was defeated? JAMES RASMUSEN. In the last Presidential election Bryan carried Nebraska over Taft by a plurality of 4102. A Mud-Dogger in France. Baltimore American. In France it will soon be obligatory to provide automobiles with mud-guards to protect pedestrians.

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