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CARRYING THE WAR TO ROOSEVELT.

President Taft controls the Republican National committee. Of that fact there is no longer doubt, if there ever was doubt. Even Margaret Dixon says it. Colonel Roosevelt sees it. The Roosevelt leaders all see it. The Taft managers have known it all along.

But, having this great power, how are the President and his advisers to use it? Evidently they are going to use it for nearly all, the Taft delegates in the contested cases. The contests from the South have indeed little merit. But the contest from a state like Washington, for example, has great merit.

Mr. Taft will press his advantage at every step. He will make Root the temporary chairman. He will control the committee on credentials and on platform, probably. It will be a Taft convention, if manipulation and the steam roller can make it.

Colonel Roosevelt may not be pleased at such a proposal; but the committee, or its majority, is not going far out of its day to please the Colonel.

THE DEBATE ON CANAL TOLLS.

A communication from W. D. Wheelwright, published in the Oregonian, has started the controversy as to how far we can favor American ships using the Panama Canal without laying ourselves open to the charge that we have violated the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The United States admits as the basis of the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention of 1850, that the free navigation of the canal shall be open to all nations observing these rules on terms of entire equality.

The case of American coastwise ships differs materially from that of our foreign-going ships, for foreign ships are excluded by law from coastwise trade. No foreign ships being engaged in that commerce, there can obviously be no discrimination against foreign ships in our granting free use of the canal to our coastwise ships.

cases have not ventured to ask for any subsidy which is adequate. They have only sought to insert the thin end of the wedge. With free ships we should build up an American-owned, though foreign-built, merchant marine, which could compete on equal terms with ships of all nations.

THE END AND THE MEANS.

Mr. Meadows presents in fairly accurate form the customary indictment against Mr. Roosevelt. All he says is perfectly familiar, and much of it is perfectly true. But what are you going to do about it?

Mr. Meadows has millions of sympathizers who believe that the election of Mr. Roosevelt to be President means the end of constitutional government and the beginning of autocratic rule.

If they are alarmed about the tariff, they beat him with Roosevelt, his twin, not Taft, his opposite.

MOSQUITOES AND FLIES.

The mosquito and fly season is at hand. Wild beasts of both these species are small as far as mere stature is concerned, but they are far more dangerous than the lion and the tiger.

EDUCATION AND EUGENICS.

Professor Earl Barnes, of Stanford University, explained in a lecture the other day how the problem of education has been reduced to a problem in eugenics.

KEEP THE BALLOT SHORT.

A multiplicity of freak, unimportant or local measures on the ballot in the next election will most certainly endanger the success of the really consequential laws or amendments that are to be submitted.

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The Center of Interest

With many opinions my mind was inflated. I went out to see Mr. Average Man, of Portland. I found him; but he contemplated.

"Oh, what do you think of this fellow Crocco, in Mexico fighting?" I asked. "Do you think it's proper that we should let fellows like that go? And make revolutions?" My friend made a wink.

I tried a new subject. "That Belgian trouble." "The certainly said, Don't it beat you to see how everywhere, wars and rebellions now bubble?" The Average Man made no answer to me.

Still hopeful of starting some light conversation, "What think you," I asked, "in the realm of baseball." Of any old phase of the whole situation that fellow A. M. made no answer at all.

Of politics next, I endeavored to sound him. I spoke of conventions and candidates; but he just poured about 'mid the roses, bushes around him. And never a thought seemed to dwell in his mind.

"Oh, wherefore this apathy?" finally I asked him. Desiring to learn the real cause of the cloud of ignorance deep, which apparently shrouded him; And then, of a sudden, he answered aloud:

"Look here and look yonder, the buds and the posies. Of Portland are sure at their best about here—'We're going' to have mor'n a billion of 'em. To deck out our Festival pageants this year."

"But what of the grave situation that lingers?" "About our fair land, as the paper discloses?" The Average Man gave a snap of his teeth, and said: "Oh, chuck that awhile! I must tend to my roses!" Portland, June 6.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of June 7, 1862. The Sacramento Union says: "The Eastern wire obstinately continues down beyond Salt Lake."

Yesterday was a very warm day, uncomfortably so. Stockton, May 30.—Serious troubles are expected at Waterloo, eight miles from town, tomorrow. The settlers are fortified in Comstock's brick granary. Sheriff Hook will go out with a large force to dispossess them. The Stockton Union Guard will march for Waterloo tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

We are pleased to learn that Governor Pickering, of Washington Territory, has been taking the necessary steps to secure a sufficient escort for the immigration across the plains this summer as a protection against the savages and other hostile and dangerous bands that have infested the route for the past several years. Orders have been received from General Wright, by request of Governor Pickering, directing Colonel Steinhilber to send out an efficient force detailed from his command for this purpose.

The Salt Lake Correspondent of the Sacramento Union says that the miners at the foot of the mountains are recommended to travel this route. A meeting of the citizens generally of Portland is called at the Recorder's office this evening at 7 o'clock for the purpose of devising the proper ways and means to celebrate the coming Fourth of July in due and ample form. In our peregrinations around town we have had to undergo the disagreeable necessity of having our hats and faces grossly insulted by the foul and filthy stench which is met with in several localities of the city. Can't our street commissioner attend to this matter?

About all the goods and freights in transit or destined for the upper Columbia have been shipped from the warehouses in the city, and these houses are once more empty. Ten days ago nearly all of them were filled to overflowing. The Cascade Mountain road, by way of the old Barton emigrant trail, is now opened and in good traveling condition. Earlier going over the mountains are recommended to travel this route. Three Words Pronounced. MEDFORD, Or., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly give the pronunciation of the following words: (1) Montessori. (2) Seguin. (3) Itard? SUBSCRIBER. (1) Mon-tis-so-ree. Accent on third syllable. (2) Sak-in. Short sound of both vowels. Accent on first syllable. (3) Ee-tar. Accent on second syllable.

Features of the SUNDAY OREGONIAN. Cat Island and Columbus—John T. McCutcheon, the famous cartoonist, does a seven-column drawing for Sunday that is the best yet from his pencil. He draws two other pictures to go with another of his striking pirate tales. Sizing Up Men—A study in personality that you really ought to read. It is by a recognized expert in the art of reading character. Making Baseball Stars—Everyone that ever saw a ball game will find interest in Wilbert's article on the development of big-league men. Half page, illustrated. Training the Militia for War—An illustrated page about the transformation that is being worked in the force that a dozen years ago was styled "tin soldiers." Folk Dances—They are being widely adopted in Portland and the subject is given an interesting half page, with portraits. Exit the "Stovepipe Girl"—Fashion has issued a call for new contours and women must respond. A letter from Paris of the deepest interest to women. Half page, with photos. Wanted—Husbands for Princesses—But, as the Vienna correspondent points out, there's no need applying unless you are at least an Archduke. The Jumpup—They are at the beach this week and Mrs. Jumpup has a close call. Two Short Stories, complete. New capers by the color comic ORDER TODAY FROM YOUR NEWSDEALER.