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(BY CARRIER.)

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#### ROOSEVELT'S RESPONSI-BILITY.

"Suppose," says a voluble contemorary, commenting on the frequent statement by persons and journals not exactly friendly to Colonel Roosevelt. that the Progressive party is altogether a Rooseveit party; "suppose Colonel Rooseveit should die or quit. How foolish to assume that the forces behind this great uprising of the people would abandon the effort to restore control of the government to the peo-Lincoln was assassinated; but the Republican party did not die, nor did freedom perish from the earth." Likely enough, likely enough. But

if Colonel Roosevelt were to suspend his political activities, and refuse the crown once more, where would the new Progressive party stand? What direction would it take? What would become of the leaderless army that now loyally and enthusiastically follows the flag of its general wherever he commands that it shall go?

Colonel Roosevelt prevented the nomination of a Progressive candidate at Chicago. He had it in his power to the warring elements and unite the divided party under the leadership of another progressive. He could not rise to the height that required of him any act of self-renun-He could have named the candidate, as Bryan did at Baltimore. and he could have framed the platform, as Bryan did. But he preferred to take all or nothing, and to sacrifice all others but himself. He was willing to retard and stop wholly the invincible sweep, and to delay or defeat the certain triumph, of the Progressive movement within the Republican party, solely because it did not mean a personal victory for him.

Colonel Roosevelt is That is all. solely responsible for the revolt from the Republican party. If happily he might see the light and withdraw, or go to Africa or anywhere, or decline a nomination that means nothing but ultimate defeat, the Progressive party would immediately dissolve into its individual units, and they would return to the Republican party, and carry to completion the remarkable work so well done and so nearly successful until the unfortunate Presidential Roosevelt campaign intervened.

### WILSON'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE.

of acceptance, seems a weak, innocu- with Stanley and Lewis, ous remedy. Though he accuses the tle every year, as the drunkard's daily tion at once would be too great a gime of the forgiving Governor? shock to them; therefore, the process must be spread over a term of years. Wilson suggests that we begin the work of revision with those "schedwhich have been most obviously oly until special favors are absolutely withdrawn. Having done this by a gradual process, he would last of all begin to think about revenue. The implication is that, while he was rooting out protection, he would make the revenue derived from the tariff a

quite the Democratic excuse, too, for

the surplus the Democracy has al-

ways felt uncomfortable unless it spent more than the National income. In his speech of acceptance Wilson laid down only general principles. His ger sam (2) words must, therefore, be construed in the light of his former utterances and of the meaning given them by men who have talked with him. Representative Redfield returned to Washington after an interview with Wilson "especially delighted because reform in tariff schedules was urged upon so slow and considerate a basis that business men would view the changes with When a National socialist leader."

47, p. 2073):

Various remedies have been proposed. Single tax, more silver dollars, greenbacks, and a dozen other remedies have been proposed. Single tax, more silver dollars, greenbacks, and a dozen other remedies have been offered. But since none of these does away with the deadily affects of competition, and with the effect of the machine on the work, man, I must dismiss them as insufficient. This is particularly the case with the single tax, which would simply for a time sharpen competition and thus increase the misery of the working class. ness men would view the changes with New York Times what he suggested in the party.
to Wilson on tariff revision and the We are unable to read single tax in sudden jumps. year. The more the baron grafted the be all, or nearly all, taken under sin- more drastic or more abandoned tha longer he would be allowed to graft; gle tax along with the annual rental those of New York's police "system." less he grafted the sooner his value of land held out of use. graft would be entirely cut off. Such tariff reforms will-

son dealt in his speech of acceptance therefore it calls for most comment The speech is a scholarly discussion of the general principles which should guide the next Administration. The general purposes to be sought are well stated from the Democratic standpoint. Second only in importance to the tariff is the question of the trusts, which is closely interwoven with the tariff. Wilson joins in the chorus of criticism of the Sherman law that comes both from the trusts and their enemies. He says the law's general terms are ineffectual; that it has "roared like any sucking dove." If it is so ineffectual, why did the trusts roar with pain when it was enforced? Why does a new spirit animate influential of business, to Wilson's gratifica-These results of its enforcetion? ment prove that the law has been most effectual.

For definite information as to the neans by which Wilson would deal with the trusts we must turn to the Democratic platform, for he merely says that supplementary laws are needed to revive competition and forbld the practices that killed it. The

We favor the declaration by law of the conditions upon which corporations shall be permitted to engage in interstate trade. . . It is necessary that the Government shall exercise the powers reserved to it, but we insist that Federal remedies for the regulation of interstate commerce and for the prevention of private monopoly shall be added to and not substituted for state remedies. platform says:

By comparison with the measures ecommended by Taft, the Democratic remedy appears ineffectual because it insists on state action as the prime factor, to which Federal laws should be supplementary. Taft has proposed Federal incorporation as the first es-The Democrats not only balk sential. at this, but they are unwilling to compromise on Federal license of state corporations. They are most vehement in denouncing trusts, but most unwilling to adopt the most effective

means of dealing with them. There is practical agreement between Wilson and Taft as to the end sought, but the old state rights doctrine, to which the Democrats cling with superstitious tenacity, is an insuperable obstacle to their attaining that end. They stand at one extreme in this respect; Roosevelt stands at the other with his desire to enlarge the Federal power by occupation of the twilight zone. Taft stands between, advocating full and effective exercise of the Federal power without unduly enlarging it but without relying upon the states to deal with essentially Federal problems.

#### MAKING EASY MONEY AT SALEM.

One Allison, a malefactor of vicious type but ingenious mind and skillful hands, being incarcerated in the state prison at Salem, busied himself at such moments as he could escape the scrutiny of the guards with the manufacture of a kit of burglar tools, When he achieved his freedom through the expiration of his sentence or otherwise-the newspaper record loes not say how—he smuggled out the precious implements of his trade, intending, of course, to use them. But he got impatient and took the more speedy process of holding up a man in Salem and was soon back in the penitentiary, burgiar tools and all.

The other day at Salem a convict named Lewis, a "trusty" through the grace of Governor West, passed a counterfeit coin on a storekeeper. That functionary, upon discovering the deception, notified the police, and To one whose ears have rung for the trail led to the state's prison, years with the impassioned demands where a convict named Stanley was of Democratic orators that we strike found to have made out of vagrant from the manufacturer every dollar to be actually engaged, within the Woodrow Wilson's plan of tariff money. The horrified officials confis- ing him equal rights. as explained in his speech cated the outfit and are quite angr

We are not disposed to point out publicans of having built up the the moral, for we are not sure what tariff to establish monopoly and fos- it is. We really don't know whether ter special privilege, he would not it would have been better for Govercompel these interests immediately to nor West to parole Stanley and let stop grafting on the people. By no him pursue his nefarious calling outmeans; so sudden a change would dis. side of prison, or keep him there turb business. He would withdraw where there is some chance of disthe tariff stimulant gradually, a lit- covery when his criminal instincts impel him to activity. As to Allison, allowance of whisky is reduced until doubtless it is better that he stay becomes sober. To compel the where he is. But how long will he 'robber barons" to make full restitu- stay under the present indulgent re-

### SOCIALISM AND SINGLE TAX.

We think Mr. C. W. Barzee too modest in disclaiming, as will be noted in used to kill competition and to raise a letter he has written to The Oregoprices," then root out every item nian, any right to the title "socialist which gives opportunity for monop- single tax leader." Mr. Barzee was single tax leader." Mr. Barzee was given the honorable mention to which he objects largely because of his local activity as both socialist and single Moreover, the complete title was chosen because all socialist leaders are not single taxers. We have particularly in mind as a representamere secondary consideration. That tive of the latter class one of the bestmethod holds out fine prospect that known socialists, nationally, that we Democratic administration would have in America. Victor Berger, Repend with its customary deficit. It is resentative in Congress from Wiscon sin, in a speech delivered in the House, ever since Cleveland thundered against June 14, 1911, repudiated single tax. Speaking of the revolution he feared might take place as the outgrowth of present industrial conditions, Mr. Berger said (Congressional Record, Vol.

When a National socialist leader confidence and not with unnecessary like Representative Berger rejects sinpanic and alarm." He found Wilson gie tax, the mantle of leadership completely in accord with his own among those socialists who approve it Mr. Redfield told the is quite likely to fall on the lesser fry

Times then interviewed Wilson and learned from him that the two "agreed Mr. Barzee quotes. The plank declares municipal politics the police departperfectly." Redfield suggested down-ward revision "in gradual stages, not wherever practicable." The single point in administration and hence de-Where a duty was taxers would stop just short of colper cent and should be 20 per lective ownership. The plank also apcent he would reduce it 5 per cent proves the "appropriation by taxation frequently not been proved. yearly, until the 20 per cent basis was of the annual rental of all land held reached. Under this plan a "tariff for speculation or exploitation." Sin- dence of a corrupt partnership of farbaron" whose graft was 30 per cent gle tax makes no distinction between would lose it at the rate of one-sixth lands held for speculation or exploita- lible. Here, too, is shown the partner each year for six years, while the tion and lands devoted to legitimate ship of police and criminals in its poor fellow whose graft was only 5 uses. The annual rental value of the flower. Not even the Black Hand or per cent would lose it all the first land occupied by the skyscraper would the Comorra seem to have methods

temporising with what Democrats single tax amendment proposed in Ore. of a man who threatened to kill the never ceased to characterize as gon do not, moreover, apply solely to goose that was laying the golden eggs. flagrant wrong, such prolongation of speculators. The graduated tax would Every bit of evidence goes to show the process of revision, may arouse be collected from the big landowner that this murder was inspired by pocholer of Watterson, whose zeal who put his holdings to profitable use lice officials, and carried out under be if of value exceeding \$10,000 in one quickened by his animus against Wil- county. On the other hand, the grad- and that the police permitted the as-Watch for an eruption in the uated tax would not apply to the speculator who had lands or natural re-The tariff is the one issue, over- sources scattered throughout the state facts in the significant murder of wire.

county. An exploiter might own \$340,000 worth of vacant, unused land in Oregon, hold it at prohibitive prices and pay nothing under the graduated zen who owned \$340,000 worth of land in one county and put it to a use profitable to himself and the community would pay \$8350 annually in graduated think that a socialist who approves his party's platform ought to have difficulty in conscientiously supporting a measure that would favor one land speculator against another, and in some instances impose a burden on the land improver that is not to be imposed on an exploiter holding land

of equal value. For the reasons given we respect fully insist that Mr. Barzee is a socialist single tax leader and regretfully assert that he is an unwise leader also.

#### SOME REMARKS ON SINCERITY.

The Oregonian is not disposed to enter into any formal discussion with the skeptical Mr. Bordeaux as to its sincerity; but it nevertheless resists an inclination to consign his letter to the overflowing waste basket, and prints it as the revealment of one ardent Democratic mind. For Mr. Bordeaux permits us to know that he is for Champ Clark and the houn' dawg, and aginvery much agin-Bryan. Moreover. as a Democrat and a faithful, if not admiring, reader of The Oregonian, he has no use for Roosevelt, and is inclined to resort to bad language, whenever he sees the Colonel's name

in print, which is quite often. Too often, indeed. That is the crux of our indignant correspondent's complaint. He cannot pick up a newspaper but he finds the name, or leeds, or sayings of Roosevelt staring him in the face. He figures that about one-quarter of The Oregonian's space is given up to Roosevelt and he his paper.

We beg to assure our choleric friend that the Roosevelt activities and the everlasting Roosevelt exploitation are matters quite beyond our control. If we had our way, Colonel Roosevelt would hie him to some vast wilderness, where the contiguous shades would absorb him for evermore-or at least until after November. But he insists on staying and breaking out in a new place every day and causing the gasping and protesting newspaper editors to put him on the first page, and the admiring public to wonder what he will do next. Suppress him? You might as well try to suppress the seasons, or Niagara, or Old Faithful

Yet Roosevelt complains in his speeches about the conspiracy of the newspapers to ignore him. The New York World made a brief summary of the Roosevelt items that appeared one day in the New York papers, and it found that the Colonel had more articles, and more actual space, two times over, than all other Presidential candidates combined.

Certainly we are sincere. Does Mr Bordeaux think a person or a journal, chased by day and haunted at night by a big Bull Moose, can be anything but sincere?

### OMISSIONS.

You may look in vain through the Roosevelt confession of faith and you will find no confession that involves a Roosevelt explanation of his position

on the following live issues: The third-term precedent and the Roosevelt personal contract with the people not again to become a candidate for the Presidency.

fifteenth fourteenth down the robber tariff and take away materials a counterfeiter's plant and amendments to the Constitution of the United States emancipating the of plunder he extorts from the peo- prison walls, in turning out bogus negro, making him a citizen and giv-

laws for white men only.

The Roosevelt conspiracy to take ver the Republican candidates for elector and to deprive Republicans of an opportunity in many states even to vote for their own candidates.

The bogus Roosevelt contests before the late Republican National Conven-

tion. The deal with McHarg and the Southern delegations.

The source of the Roosevelt cam-

The Roosevelt partnership with George W. Perkins, the steel trust and the harvester trust. The Roosevelt alliance with Boss

Flinn and every other boss who will take the Roosevelt oath of allegiance. The Roosevelt breach with La Follette after an express invitation to La Follette to enter the Presidential race. The one-man domination of the Na-

tional Progressive Convention and the

preceding state conventions. didates in the various states, however distinguished their position, however conspicuous their service to the cause, and however active they may have heretofore been in promoting the political interests of Colonel Roosevelt, unless they shall leave the Republican party and join with him in the effort to destroy it.

The former Roosevelt sayings on woman suffrage, initiative, judicial re-

The seven and one-half years of successful effort as President to avoid action on the tariff. Specific indorsement of Canadia

reciprocity in 1910 and repudiation of he same reciprocity in 1912. Others might be mentioned; but these are sufficient to indicate where Colonel Roosevelt was, and where he

### is, or says he is, today, NEW YORK'S POLICE SCANDAL.

New York's latest and greatest police scandal will serve to open fully the eyes of the country to the unusual possibilities of a partnership in any great city between police authoritie nunciation of police inactivities against crime and charges of corruption have

But here is a case where the evi reaching proportions is incontrovertmore drastic or more abandoned than The taking of millions of corrupt trib. The graduated tax features of the ute came to a climax in the murder supervision of corrupt police officers,

sassins to escape. Here is a summary of the important

bler. At 2 P. M. on the night of July 16 he was summoned from a cafe in a brilliantly-lighted section of the city and shot down by four thugs who tax schedule. Yet an enterprising citi-zen who owned \$340,000 worth of land were whirled away. The police in the vicinity were slow in responding. They reported in the wrong number of the auto. It developed that the victim, earlier in the night, had appeared be fore the District Attorney and given evidence showing that Police Lleutenant Charles Becker had been receiving large sums from gamblers and other victous classes of New York's underworld. Rosenthal is accredited with the boast that he would put Lieutenant Becker in prison for ten years even if he had to take the same dose himself.

Suspicion that Rosenthal was a victim of a corrupt police circle clinched when Jack Rose, gambler and accomplice in the murder, confessed. The sum of \$2,400,000 per year is the sum paid for police protection by New York's wrongdoers, according to Rose's figures. Later, when it became apparent that police protection could benefit them no longer, other denizens of the world that preys added facts and figures to the Rose confession. The net of evidence was drawn so tightly about Lieutenant Becker that he was indicted in connection with the Rosenthal murder and placed under arrest.

Now that the charges that there was a partnership have been pretty well established, a general cleaning up of the department is well under way. is likely that the guilty will be ferreted out and punished. Such "system" cannot flourish in any American community, once the facts are proved.

The huge sums paid in tribute to the police point to the immense profit reaped by crime and lawlessness. They but emphasize the possibilities for profitable co-operation between crimthinks it time to call a halt or stop inals and those who are paid by the

#### CANADA FEELS HER OATS.

Prosperity and the deference with which her statesmen are treated in England are inflating Canada's national consciousness until she is becoming positively bumptious. Having given surprising proof of this national with the United States, she is now asserting herself in the affairs of the British Empire. To the suggestion that Canada contribute a few dreadnown for the suggestion that Canada contribute a few dreadnown for the suggestion that Canada contribute a few dreadnown for the suggestion that Canada contribute a few dreadnown for the suggestion of the sugges noughts to the British navy, Premier Borden replies that Canada will not assume a share in the burdens of the empire unless she has a voice in the imperial government. Canada follows this up by instigating a protest against the Panama Canal bill from the mother country, because Canadian shipping would be hard hit by the extended to the company which is governed by evolution. His matter that the entering the greatest through the protection of Germany were the two greatest absorbed by the steel trust, he merely recognized the force of human progress that Canada follows the mother country, because Canadian shipping would be hard hit by the extended to the comporation in the company to be advertisers who ever lived, because they got so much of it free, and every recognized the force of human progress that Canada follows the mother country, because Canadian action differed not one whit from the sation differed not one whit from the paper with what he says, what his paper with what he says who was the company to be advertisers who ever lived, because the paper with three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest the paper who ever lived, because the paper with three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and the Empire or of Germany were the two greatest three years ago that he and shipping would be hard hit by the exemption from tolls of American coastwise ships.

Canada's interest in the empire is partly sentimental, partly mercenary. The Dominion has little but sentimental interest in the probable consequences of war between the mother country and Germany. Direct attack by Germany on Canada is not likely and the Dominiont would suffer little, compared with England, by interruption of trade relations, in the event of German success at sea. The United States could be trusted to prevent German annexation of any part of Canand thus Canada is secure ada. whether the old country or Germany

rules the waves. Before Canada will do much for Britain, Britain must do something for Canada, in the opinion of Mr. Borden. She is most vociferous in her protests against the canal bill, accusing the United States of tearing up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and will not allow the home government to relax its efforts to impose upon the United States the Canadian view of the meaning of preferential tariff as a one-sided bargain and would like to have her farm gation. products given preference over those of other countries in British ports.

British appeals for aid in naval expansion have but served to swell Canada's sense of importance and have brought decidedly nearer the day of imperial federation.

Almost every President who has ever ruled Hayti has died by violence or in exile, but there is always a good supply of candidates. Did it ever occur to our anti-imperialist brethren to speculate how long a time would lapse after we declared the Philippines indepedent before they sink to the semi-barbarous condition of Hayti?

Auditor Barbur apparently does not fall in with the generally accepted idea that the chief function of a public official is tranquilly to accept abuse. He stamped his official disap progressives and all progressive can-

> Rosenthal was murdered for "squealing," but his murderers are now falling over themselves in their anxiety to "squeal" also. That is not surprising, for a grafter is almost invariably a coward. Many rich Eastern people, who pine

for the native grandeur, the spacious-ness, of the West, are likely to follow the example of Mrs. Harriman in establishing a Summer home in this section.

The spectacle of dogs drinking at the bubbling fountain is not edifying, and wherever practicable, and in cases though the pampered animals are where it is not practicable the appromuch cleaner than many individuals who enjoy the benefit of the sparkling water.

Dissolution of the Second Battalion an easy and quick way out of the party in supporting graduable. In event of war, however, he mutineers will undoubtedly be is an easy and quick way out of the the mutineers will undoubtedly be quick to volunteer.

An apple diet, said a lecturer in Chicago, will make a woman's complexion beautiful. He is right, and consumption of the Oregon apple will add lus ter and brilliance.

Fish rables is the latest. By all fish to bite is already too noticeable. Although Mrs. Taft and Roosevelt

likely that the ex-President called on the President's wife. Philadelphia chef has been arrested for cruelty to a lobster. quettish young women will do well to take warning.

A man of 72 seeking marriage with woman one-third his age would better first take out "hornswoggle" in-

Chicago traction employes have sent an ultimatum on the end of a live

Cut-throat Competition Gone With the Crude Implements of Other Days. itor.)-In view of the fact that the Democrats hold so much hope and promise in their platform, it is well to note the findings of the Democratic members of the committee appointed to investigate the machinations of the steel trust. To advance their theory at the present time, that the duty of the Government is to destroy the trusts of this country is to invite their polit-ical suicide as a party.

A modern well-conducted trust is, in the opinion of the writer, a govern-mental idea of commercialism put into actual realization. Much fault is found with the fact that J. P. Morgan has, through manipulation, secured partial control of some \$3,000,000,000. The sum is so staggering, the interests so vast, that to say that individual action can long exist when the consequence of individual action are so momentous, is ridiculous Amongst so much wealth, with the

Amongst so much weath, with the interweaving of so many enterprises and the perfecting of so many agencies, Morgan has long ago lost his identity. Call it socialistic, if you like, but the modern trust has come to stay. It is a finished product of the 20th century and to attempt to re-establish cutthroat competition is to take a step backward. Dissolution, destruction in the case of corporation, means retrogression. Cutthroat competition (for there can be no other kind under modern condi-tions) must go along with the hand scythe, the "ole apple bar"," the hand press, and the hand churn. They are all products of a past day and must make way for a new condition. The upon which same law that governed the passing of life depends. the hand sevthe also governed the coming of the trust. If one was tiresome, slow in its results, the other is neces sary in perfecting invention, establish ing system, creating harmonious results. Society must learn to adjust it-self to this militant change and give to it its earnest consideration. The ern trust spells par excellence of production, manufacture, system, distribu

of a cog in the wheel of commercial progress. The railroads controlled by trusts hold the same relation to the steel interests as the delivery wagons of a department store hold to As the steel trust committee says, the searchlight of publicity is the greatest

alone is the remedy.

Not all of your readers agree with you The lowering of sociological condipolitically, and many, like myself, being the continuous and the continuous account to the continuous acc tions of the employes of the trusts and on the rusts and other incident evils are the fearful do not give you credit when you fall to give credit to the accepted echo of tolls for the use of its weapon, evolu-tion. Every century of great progress gress, has been stamped with fearful costs. Had Perhaps the coming generation will reap the benefits of our sufferings. CHARLES M. GOODMAN.

446 Larrabee street.

#### SOCIALIST PLANK ON TAXATION Mr. Barsee Thinks It Permits Him to Support Fels Measure.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Peradventure you might bear with us yet a little, this being campaign with us yet a little, this being campaign year, with nostrums and amateurs in politics galore. The McClure-Guilford-Buse articles commented upon August 9, in The Oregonian, misrepresent me as "leader of Socialist single taxers." We wish to prove a denial of the alle-

labor creation of values, under discus-sion, as it is presented to us. Our Socialist comrade Buse has certainly conclusively answered the matter

tainly conclusively answered the matter of value as related to human energy in creation. The fictitious value nentioned by Mr. McClure does not enter into the consideration of real values. The misunderstanding arises from incorrect wording of that which Mr. McClure intended to say and what his argument, afterward, proved out. Had Clure intended to say and what his argument afterward proved out. Had Comrade Buse corrected the statement to read as it implied, no difference would be found as value under this would be found, as value under this system may be either real or fictitious.

Mr. McClure gave only the reason for the creating of values, which is human necessity, undisputedly. How they are created is another thing altogether. He should have said, "values are created because of human necessity," instead of "values are greated by human necessity." of "values are created by human necessity. he later attempted to prove. For instance, he says: "Air has no value because there is superabundance for all without price." Does the writer mean that air has no value to him? Does he of unities the air? Again, "A person perishing on the desert, though he had the wealth (money, fictitious valuemoney has no real relation to human necessities) of an Astor, would he not give it for a jug of water?" Does that add to the intrinsic value of water to human need? We advise the writer to read "Value, Price and Profit," referred to by Comrade Buse, and get wise to next in the meat-eating scale, ge

read "Value, Price and Profit," referred to by Comrade Buse, and get wise to his own good. The Mother Goose rhymes well illustrate such logic.

Now to our Socialist single-tax leadership. Let me refer you to section 5. Collective Ownership. Working Programme, Socialist party, 1912 platform, for denial of leaderships, which reads thus: "5. The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases

priation by taxation of the annual rent-al value of all land held for specula-tion or exploitation." If this party declaration is land o single tax, I am but following the piat-

"Wisest Man" on Recall of Decision. PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Edi-por.)—Time was, not remote, when Mr. consevelt believed Senator Root to be "the wisest man in public life." Mr. Roosevelt at the time was a large figure in public life, Against Mr. Roosevelt's "confession

means don't start a movement to have of faith" I place the following from a muzzles supplied. The reluctance of fish to bite is already too noticeable. Senator Root:

dicial decision and public realings by Senator Root:

A sovereign people which declares that all men have certain inalienable rights and imposes upon itself the great impersonal rules of conduct deemed necessary for the preservation of those rights, and at the same time declares that it will disregard those rules whenever, in any particular case, it is the wish of a majority of its voters to do so, establishes as complete a contradiction to the fundamental principles of our Government as it is possible to conceive. It abandons absolutely the conception of a justice which is above majorities, of a right in the weak which the strong are bound to respect. It denies the vital truth taught by religion and realized in the hard experience of mankind and which has inspired every constitution America has produced and every great declaration for human freedom since Magna Charta—the truth that human uature needs to distrust its own impulses and passions and to establish for its own control the restraining and guiding influence of declared principles of action.

J. H. M. traveled on the same train, it is not

shadowing all others, with which Wil- in values of less than \$10,000 in each Herman Rosenthal, a New York gam- MODERN TRUST IS HERE TO STAY. EQUAL RIGHTS AND THE FAMILY Anti-Suffragist Fears for Safety of

Social Structure. PORTLAND, Aug., 9 .- (To the Ed-PORTLAND, Aug. 9 .- (To the Editor.)-With all this agitation going on in favor of woman's suffrage one frequently wonders if its propagandists really understand the direction in which they are trying to lead human society. Do the suffragists know that

are helping to break up the family by attempting to give woman political equality and advocating (as many of them do) economic equality at the same time? What do they propose to give us in place of that tried and tested institution to conserve racial health, efficiency and morality? The effect of granting women the ballot will be widespread and profound, and its probable results ought to give pause to all thinking persons who un-derstand on how delicately balanced a basis our whole social structure rests. It wouldn't take much to throw it over if certain laboriously acquired institutions and moral inhibitious become unsettled. Social stability and welfare depend upon the continuance of certain institutions, of which the family is one of the most precious. It given us most of the things in life that make for physical and moral health. Yet it must be evident that the entrance of women into politics and economic pursuits—in short, that whole movement for what is termed "woman's emancipation" - tends, furnishing women a multiplicity of interests and activities, to grate our family and domestic ideals upon which so much of the good in

Judging by the immaturity, the cock-sureness and vast pretensions that characterize much of the agitation for women's suffrage, it is pretty clear that its proponents are animated more by the zeal of the propagandist than by the deep sense of responsibility of the great religious missionary of constructive statesman.

ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM.

#### To segregate the carrying agencies of the steel interests from the interests themselves would mean the shattering Too Much Bossevelt, Says He: and the Too Much Roosevelt, Says He; and the Papers Are to Blame.

POMEROY, Wash., Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—The Orogonian is a newspaper, I admit, and yours is a full-fledged party paper, I am sure; yet at wagons of a department store hold to the store itself. Why is the advocate of regulative control of a trust any more socialistic than the advocates of more socialistic than the advocates of more socialistic than the advocates of more favor Democrats, for you always any modern department store? The

and wish to help him and his hypocrisy along by this free advertising? I remember seeing in "Brains" some actions of Gailleo, Gutenberg, Fulton bunch are saying and doing, and what or Hargraves in their efforts to aid he and they are going to do. 1 quesor Hargraves in their efforts to aid human progress. If Hargrave's invention substituted factory work for family activity, just so does the trust idea show the futility of individual action. The cry "destruction of the trusts" is a foolish cry and legislative action work at you are making more and the opposition of the people not to know that you are making more and more of them agree with him by eternally discussing him and his vagaries. Not all of your readers agree with your representatives of our party in Con-

Had Murphy immediately voted the New York delegation for Wilson after Bryan's janus-faced play, Wilson would not have been the nomines or Bryan would have been shown up clearly, as I think him to be, a hypocrite of the Talleyrand type. Sometimes these socalled leaders gain by opposition, even from as well written a paper as yours. To be sure, you can see that he loses nothing by so much advertising. And with The Oregonian over there and our double - headed Spokesman - Review -Chronicle numping more hot air into the Bull Moose over here, he and they

will get the benefit.

However, I am in no way trying to tell you what to do in the conduct of The Oregonian. I must do as all others wish to prove a denial of the alledo, read it and say a few blue words because—and then remember that the Bull Moose have plenty of money and have very smooth and cunning ways to

> If you know anything of politics yo will not damn the Democrats. You will find praise for Clark and expect and get the half-brother aid from these for Taft. But, are you sincere? Then be honest with it to the Democrats and juit advertising the Morgan-Perkins

## JAMES A. BORDEAUX.

Open Trial for Officers. PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—As one who has always been proud of the achievements of our Ore-gon National Guard I have taken quite an interest in the controversy between them and the regular Army officers. I believe a great injustice would be done these boys to disgrace them in y." He then would nave stated what them a fair trial and have no secret later attempted to prove. For insessions? Throw the doors wide open, noe, he says: "Air has no value better the public pays the bills and should use the is suppressived and the property of the property of the property of the public pays the bills and should use there is suppressived and the property of the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the bills and should be property to the public pays the public the manner proposed. be permitted to hear and to see that justice is done. The stand taken by Spanish War Veterans is the right Let's give our own a square

Americans are now consuming 185 pounds of meat annually per capita; the people of Great Britain, who rank next in the meat-eating scale, ge along with 115 pounds, while those the Netherlands exist on 48 pounds. with 115 pounds, while those of

Star Spangled Banner."

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—On a recent trip to Victoria ad an argument with an Englishman as to what was the American anthem Please answer, so that I can send it L. H. W.

A Concession at Home. Philadelphia Record. Mrs. Dashaway—Your husband complains that you never allow him to exercise his own judgment. Mrs. Henpeckie—Nonsense! I let him sew on his own buttons.

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of August 5, 1862. The British Colonist complains bitterly against certain despotic acts of the Governor of Vancouver Island, in which it is alleged that he has as-sumed high-handed and absolute power, putting at defiance statute law and all local regulations enacted by the pre-

viously-supposed highest authorities of Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—It is proposed by Governors of states to commence drafting after the middle of the pres-ent month, if the required number of troops be not secured by volunteering. A slight sprinkle of rainfall last

vegetable kingdom. Proposals will be received until the 10th inst, for grading and improving the Seminary block in this city.

evening, laying the dust somewhat and reviving the parched appearance of the

We are requested to announce that the Franklin Market, corner of Front and Taylor streets, will be opened for the accommodation of customers on

There is still a chance for about ten

or a dozen more who desire to enlist in Uncle Sam's service in Captain Spencer's company.

We have been requested to announce that Miss Belle Divine will take a benefit at the theater on Monday night.

#### THE GAGE OF THE SEA. New York Evening Sun.

We have handled a boast of our prowess. We have flung down the gage of the From the coasts of the East to the

gates of the West Our pennons have flaunted free; With the pride of our wondrous treas-

With the zeal of our youthful hour. We have measured our strength with the ocean kings. We have scoffed at their pomp of

The banner of Stars, unrended, Has flown thro' the storm and the wrack. It has shown thro' the smoke when the battle broke. It has followed the simoon's track-

Yet, dream not that days of glory, The deeds that our fathers wrought. Can carry the boast of an unarmed host And fight the fights to be fought Not thus did the old sea-rulers

time. Not thus wrought the builders of The stanch old burghers of Holland, In the days when she swept the Tied her broom at the head of a thou-

Who fashioned the laws of the main Not thus did the Kings of the ancient

sand masts
And ten thousand hearts of the brave. Look now to the proud sea islands At the gate of the Northern seas-Lo! cities of ships with glistening lips Speak stern command on the breeze

And the Teuton glant youder Think you be dreams, in his hold, Of a phantom peace when war shall cease And the weak shall keep from the bold?

No! not in the plaint of the sluggard,
And not in the miser's plea,
May be found the shield of a mighty race Set down by the coasts of the sea.

When the winds shall burst upon us With the hall of the fire-ringed guns We shall look in vain to the deeds of our sires And the strength of our unarmed

Set down by the seas of half the world We shall turn to the sea our ken.
And out of her breast from the East
and the West

The boast we made, in our hour of pride, Shall crumble beneath their hate And our fame of the sea, that we held Shall be blown on the winds of Fate! JOHN JEROME ROONEY.

THE FIREBUG AND THE EAST WIND "No, I'll not burn my slash this spring." the mossback logger said, I'll trust to God and luck again; Expense is what I dread."

It's time to hit the trall again," The careless camper said, And left his little fire ablaze

New York, July 31.

Within its leafy bed. "I'll light another cigarette," The idle loafer said, And chucked his old snips in the brush One end still glowing red.

Let's punch the screen out of the stack. The donkey fireman said.

And so he did, and all the sparks
Sailed blithely overhead.

"Come on, we'll dump our ashes now," The railroad trainmen said The train soon fanned them far and wide. As on its way it sped.

"Good time to fire my slashing now,"

The thrifty rancher said, And touched it off without a thought Of how far it might spread. I think I'll blow an hour or two," The restless east wind said

Then like it so he changed his mind And blew a week instead. 'Millions in lives and timber inst," The newspapers next said. What made those fires all start at

We wondered as we read. 'It wasn't us, it was that wind," The fools in chorus said, So they're alive and loose this year -We hope the wind is dead.

### SUNDAY FEATURES

City Playgrounds-An illustrated full page on the work of character-building as carried on at the public playing places.

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