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Portland, Saturday, August 31, 1912. COVENANTS AND A THIRD TERM. The eloquent platform of principles enunciated by the Roosevelt Progressives at Chicago contained the solemn declaration that the new party had this made a "covenant with the people."

How heavily do the obligations of a social contract rest upon Mr. Roosevelt? Let us first forget the fact that should not be forgotten, let us revert briefly to the record of a few years on the vital subject of a third term for Mr. Roosevelt.

Under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept nomination for President Roosevelt in a public statement. President Roosevelt assured the Nation: "I have not changed and shall not change that decision."

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BOSS-RIDDEN, PRIVILEGE-CONTROLLED. Roosevelt's charge that both Republican and Democratic parties are boss-ridden and privilege-controlled is directly contrary to the facts. Is La Follette or Borah or Cummins or Hadley boss-ridden or privilege-controlled? Their whole public record proves the contrary.

The most stunning blow ever dealt at the bosses and special privilege was the passage of the Panama Canal law by the joint action of both parties in Congress. It has removed the strange hold of the railroads on water transportation and has placed directly opposite to the privilege-grinding subsidy policy which Roosevelt formerly advocated.

cess without his help, through the work of the men who are now the controlling element in the Republican party, and those who have opposed it are, one by one, sinking into retirement, as did Senator Perkins. The enemy's hosts were already put to rout when Roosevelt rushed onto the field, shouting "Follow me," and merely led the pursuit.

The contest between the Republican and Democratic parties is being fought out on clearly-defined differences of principle, and whichever party wins will govern the country, free from the dictation of bosses or eleventh-hour converts to the cause of progress.

SAN FRANCISCO AND OREGON. The Flying Legion of representative San Francisco citizens is making a formal visit to the cities of the Pacific Northwest. They have found that there is an exceedingly cordial feeling here toward San Francisco and California, and they know, as they could not have heretofore known, that there is an earnest desire throughout the West of Oregon and Washington that the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 be a magnificent success.

Oregon and California are friends from tradition and sentiment and in all their neighboring relations. They could hardly be otherwise. The prosperity of one is the concern of the other; adversity for one is the misfortune of the other. Their citizens have mingled for years on terms of fraternal good will, and have given to one another a thousand evidences of mutual regard.

Probably the Californians will hear something while here about the embargo at San Francisco on the finished lumber products of the Pacific Northwest. There is virtually a boycott, and is an impediment to the reciprocal trade relations of the Northwest and San Francisco that ought not to exist. It is no sufficient excuse that it grows out of San Francisco's extraordinary labor situation. It is an intolerable combination that excludes free trade between California and Oregon.

JUSTICE NOT FOR SALE. It probably did not occur to the authors of the 150-page paper of Clackamas County that a man could exist, who, able to pay his just proportion of county revenues, would prefer to pay it rather than shift the burden on those less able to pay.

Thus do the figures of the single taxers themselves, inaccurate though they are, uphold what The Oregonian has contended. The single tax would increase the hardships of the small home-builder and retard development of the country. Indeed would Mr. Yoder be brass were he, under promise of saving a few dollars in tax money, to vote to make more difficult the needed reclaiming of the undeveloped acres of Clackamas County.

THE COURTS AND THE PEOPLE. The lawyers, as represented by the committee of the American Bar Association, have made some progress toward recognizing the evils attending the present mode of conducting litigation. They are, however, when they admit that delays and expense urgently call for a remedy. Those evils are so flagrant as to amount to a denial of justice.

The courts are encumbered with suits which have been prolonged with no other purpose in mind than to prevent the other party from getting justice, to weary him with continual expense and long waiting into accepting less than his just due on abandoning the fight altogether. For these delays and this expense the lawyers themselves are almost entirely responsible. The lawyers waste, and the courts allow them to waste, days upon days in dilatory motions, senseless wrangles and arguments over hair-splitting technicalities.

But even if these evils should be removed, lawyers need expect no abatement of the demand for the recall of judges as by other officials. We can see no special divinity hedging about a judge to distinguish him from other public servants. They are all amenable to public opinion. Fear that judges would be recalled without good cause is based on distrust of the people, which is out of place in a republic. If there were any ground for that fear, it would be ground also for changing our form of government. That there is no such ground, our experience in Oregon goes far to prove. The recall, for judges as for other officials, has been in force in this state for four years; but we have had only one attempt to set it in operation against a judge. In that case the petition failed to secure the required number of signatures. Nor can we perceive that the possibility of judges being recalled by the people would impair the administration of justice or impaired the independence of the judiciary. If anything, the effect has been to spur the courts to increased diligence and to more exact impartiality. Complaint has come

mainly from those classes to which was formerly attached undue influence with the courts.

Letters to the Papers. The Oregonian receives daily for publication many letters from correspondents with request for publication. In the aggregate the volume of such communications is large—so large that space cannot be given to all, and selections from the most worthy and pertinent must be made.

BRITISH PROTEST UNFOUNDED. One British newspaper, The Nation, has the courage and frankness to declare that, in exempting American coastwise vessels from tolls on the Panama Canal, the United States does not violate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

British shippers are swamped with business by the boom in Dreadnoughts. Holland is reported to intend contracting for four 17,000-ton ships of that type at British yards, which are already building fourteen large vessels for the British navy and will soon begin work on four more.

MAYOR, NOT CAMERON, TO BLAME. City Has Been Going Back Under Rushlight, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(To the Editor.)—It seems to me that Governor West has made a mistake in placing too much blame on the shoulders of District Attorney Cameron.

Two Words Pronounced. SHANIKO, OR. Aug. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please publish the proper pronunciation of the word "chauffeur" and the name "Roosevelt."

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of September 1, 1862. The Cariboo mines are still yielding largely to the revenue tax on them, but the cry for bread and the bad season have produced a panic among the new miners and prevented further gold discoveries. They have been such a very bad thing for the miners and their return disheartened to Victoria.

What Became of the Money? CASCADE LOCKS, OR. Aug. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Locks, Oregon's reply to Mr. Archibold's report before Congress, speaking of Mr. Bliss, says that "because it promotes mendacity, the baseness of making such an attack upon an honest man." If Mr. Archibold were Mr. Bliss, the \$100,000 and \$200,000 given to him was not, as Mr. Roosevelt says, used for campaign funds, what became of the money?

Difference in the Pitching. Exchange. "Why, that boy of mine was one of the greatest pitchers in his day you ever saw," said the farmer to the city ever with the red tie.

George and the Senate. By Dean Collins. John Quincy Adams diary. As in the old days he did pen it. Contains a note that Washington forgot himself and "cussed" the Senate.

Recalled. MR. PERKINS AND THE TRUSTS. Mr. Ware Has a Telegram From the Gentleman Himself. MEDFORD, OR. Aug. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I promised you that as soon as I could send you positive information regarding George W. Perkins being a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. I would do so. Herein I enclose a night letter from the gentleman himself. While my information is from one who knew what he was talking about, he would not allow his name to be used; so I want right to acquaint you with Mr. Perkins and that they knew him to be a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., intimating that I did not know what I was talking about. They forgot to mention that the New York Sun, which is supporting Governor Wilson, is said to be owned by this very firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

RECALL WAVE IS RECALLED. Result of First Cruise is Reviewed by Writer. PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Some three or four years ago, more or less—the dates are indefinite and immaterial—the anti-vice crusade "cleansed up Portland." The red-light districts were purged and purified, the one-time dwellings of lewdness were turned into mansions of trade and business, or were occupied by "decent" citizens, and the Magdalenes were driven to suicide, to death, to Seattle, Tacoma, Saw comes the matter.

But the strong voice of the law told them to get, and they got—and their accounts have known them not since they the city was in the hands of the reformers and they made good their promise of stamping out the evils of a restricted district. It was a short, sharp and decisive battle, and the purgers won in a walk.

But now, lo, and behold, cometh the Governor, cometh the Legislature, cometh another set of reformers and blazon it forth to the world that Portland is one of the most wicked cities in the world; that lewdness runs rampant, law comes the matter.

What became of the harlots when they were kicked out of the restricted district? Did the reformers know—or care? Did any of them offer these women homes provided, then, would the State legislate to limit to cases where the courts have annulled a law, has its origin in the assumption by the judiciary of a power supreme over the executive and legislative departments of the Government.

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