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Portland, Friday, Sept. 20, 1912.

ROOSEVELT'S CHANCES IN THE WEST.

If Roosevelt should secure any electoral votes, it would doubtless be in the Middle and Far West. Samuel G. Blythe, the political writer of the Saturday Evening Post, thinks he has a good fighting chance of securing many there.

As Mr. Blythe says, there are no precedents on which to base either a conclusion or a guess for the situation here. He believes that the Republican primary vote of last Spring is, however, a slight guide.

But Mr. Blythe believes those who rank Roosevelt as the popular choice, but believe that the Republican primary vote of last Spring is, however, a slight guide.

The most doubtful elements in the calculation, where all elements are doubtful, are: What will the Republicans do who stayed away from the primaries? How many Taft Republicans will vote for Wilson?

The presumption is that those Republicans who did not vote at the primaries will vote for Roosevelt.

But few conservative Democrats are so incensed at Wilson's nomination that they will vote for Taft. Bright prospects of party success will keep them in line.

Why should any Progressive Democrats vote for Roosevelt when their own candidate and platform embody all the essentials of progress as they view it?

That many Republicans who voted for Roosevelt at the primaries will stay with their party at the election is to be inferred from several circumstances.

That Roosevelt will seriously fear a stampede of Republicans to Wilson in order to down the Colonel is to be inferred from several recent events.

men see that, with no Taft ticket in the field, the temptation to Republicans to vote for Wilson will be the stronger, and that their man's hopes will be blighted by the combination of a united Democracy with a proportion of the Republican vote which Mr. Blythe estimates at 40 per cent in some of the most rampant Roosevelt states.

These are just a few straws which lie on or near the surface, exposed to the political wind. But there are other straws in the lower depths which will be stirred when the wind becomes a gale.

ONE MORE GREAT MAN GETS MAD. The anger of great men appears to be a fruitful topic of discussion nowadays, through the newspapers, and in the sanctums of the corner-grocery philosophers.

Just now we have received from the Progressive National committee a press bulletin containing a summary of newspaper headlines on the Wilson-Dix-Murphy encounter at Syracuse.

The wrath of Governor Wilson gave the Roosevelt committee its opportunity to exploit a recent Wilson letter congratulating Tammany. But it is hard to tell whether the Roosevelt press bureau most desired to show the country the unpleasant spectacle of a (possible) President who mingles his name with that of a candidate who writes unfortunate letters.

BASEBALL. PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(To the Editor.) I have been a reader and subscriber to The Oregonian for some time. I am thoroughly convinced, by its sporting pages, that it is the best newspaper in the West.

The seeds sown by The Oregonian through its sporting pages have not fallen on stony ground, for here is a reader who has read them with profit and understanding, and who is an ardent supporter of the Oregonian.

Does The Oregonian approve baseball? We should say it does. Baseball takes the rough-and-ready youth from the town lot, or from the bush leagues, and makes a steady-going and thoroughly disciplined citizen of him.

TRADING ON A MISNOMER. One cannot blame the voter who faithfully peruses arguments favorable to single tax if he becomes bewildered in a circular known as the "Single Tax Brochure."

What is proposed in Oregon, he says, "goes very little, if any, further than what the British Columbia Parliament is pledged to enact." In other words, British Columbia does not now know single tax in practice.

Mr. Criddle's statement that British Columbia exempts improvements is to be inferred from, but not as to substance. British Columbia collects a tax on incomes, no matter from what source they are derived.

tween taxing the income from an office building and taxing the value of the building, we are unable to discern it. There is not the least honest opportunity to gain enlightenment as to the workings of single tax from results attained under the British Columbia system.

A MURDER MYSTERY STRANGE AS ANY IN FACT OF ACTION is that which has called the attention of Gibson, the New York lawyer, he is accused of having strangled Mrs. Szabo by the use of his jitsu while she was boating with him on a lake, and of having upset the boat with the intention of creating the impression that she had drowned.

As Ashland (Or.) editor took his life in his hands last week and journeyed all the way to Portland to learn for himself the facts about the first Roosevelt day in Oregon.

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How much in earnest is Bryan in his support of Wilson? It is a question which has been asked many times. He has, however, proved himself to be a man of his word.

The death at Olympia of Judge Ralph Oregon Dunbar closed a useful and honorable career. Judge Dunbar was a product of the Oregon country, a good man, a good lawyer, and a good judge.

Humanity and common sense will unite to commend the court order which obliges three sturdy but inhuman sons to support their aged mother.

The projected bridge at Vancouver may entail more important consequences than are apparent just yet. A large and fertile area north of the Columbia naturally tributary to Portland is cut off by the river.

Proper solution of streetcar trouble can be found only in fast-registering scales at the door. Sifted down to the matter of hauling the passenger, the lissome, willowy woman should not be charged as much as a mere bulbous and bulging male.

Peaches are moving out of the way of grapes, and then will come the greatest of all fruits, the Oregon apple. Somebody is hogging beer. Brewers declare consumption has increased 400 per cent more than population.

Hazing days are near and the usual reports of deaths are to be expected.

Stars and Starmakers

By Leone Cass Baez.

Last night "Awakening of Helena Ritchie" Company, headed by Roselle Knott and with Mayo Methot in the company played in Salem. Today the company stops in Portland for four hours en route to Kelso, Wash.

Dillon and King, after a season extending over fifty weeks, a few of which were spent in Portland under management of Keating & Flood, are closing this week in Oakland for a month's vacation.

Claud and Fannie Usher, who are at the Orpheum for the second time in "Fagan's Decision," with their pet dog, Sparberis, say this is their farewell tour in the celebrated vaudeville play.

Marjorie Rameau, who a few years ago was a Lyric leading woman, is climbing considerably on the ladder of theatrical success. Late in October she closes her engagement with the Willard Mack Stock Company in Salt Lake City, where she has played all Summer, and goes directly to New York.

Priscilla Knowles is taking a filing in a musical comedy show. In July, she ended her engagement with the New York Academy of Music Stock, and went to Atlantic City, for a rest—one of those "much-needed rests" if we are to believe the story of her series of unbroken performances covering two years with nary a stop.

News at last of Warda Howard, a one-time favorite in Portland stock. She is leading woman with the Harlem Opera House Stock.

In Oakland Sydney Ayres is ending his third week of Orpheum vaudeville, and leaves on Monday for Winnipeg. Rhea Mitchell is Mr. Ayres' leading woman and is to be featured in the act when it starts a-touring.

William "Billy" Dills has gone to New York, accompanied by Mrs. William Dills. This is the first trip to the Far East Mr. Dills has taken in several years.

Remarkable bit of news—or a bit of remarkable news—is that in the forthcoming musical comedy, "The Heart Breakers" at the Heilig, opening September 28, the collection of chorus girls includes one from every state in the Union excepting Oregon.

"Baby Mine," the obnoxious farce, opens next Sunday night, with Ernest Glendinning in the cast.

Next week Alice Fleming is to play the role of the psychic Mrs. Brown in "Seven Days" at the Baker—a really moving role, inasmuch as she "moves" almost every stick of furniture on the place before the comedy ends.

THE DALLIES, Or., Sept. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Is the following sign, printed on paper and pasted on the inside of a violin, of any significance? "Antonio Stradivarius Cremonensis Faciebat Anno 1738."

Sign Language and the Deaf

Mistake is Made in Relying Solely on Lip Method.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—(To the Editor.)—My attention has been called to an article in The Oregonian entitled "Deaf Taught to Talk in Portland Schools," and a request has been made that I reply to it.

At the Buckman School the sign method, but those who have been forbidden and a slight penalty imposed upon children caught using their hands.

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There is a college for the deaf in Washington, D. C. Students from all parts of the United States attend. No student taught by the oral method alone has ever been able to land the valedictory or to lead his class.

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Special Features in The Sunday Oregonian

Life Aboard Battleships—The 1900 men aboard a modern leviathan of the Navy make up a frugal household. Description of life on board the battleship Delaware is interesting and instructive.

More About Elfrts—An admission by a woman writer that those of her sex love through their ears. Unmasked—This is a sequel to "The Woman in Red" and is a thrilling short story.

Europe's Trust Problems—Different nations in Europe engaged in controversies over monopolistic questions. Differences are shown between German combines and American trusts.

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N. Nitts on Lost Books

By Dean Collins.

Necessity Nitts, whose deep cerebral crooks Kept Funkindorf's people on plumb tent-hooks and with deliberate Eysed a crack in the floor with deliberate looks.

I see by the paper that Theodore R. Just pawed up the landscape around near and far. A-finding amid this late visit of his, A highly prized volume he carried

When young Alexander, fer warlike diversion, Went over and cornered the realm of the Persian, I mind how he made himself strong With the masses

I somehow don't member there e'er was a day When people was anxious to give things away To some one (after they'd sized them to be Of superman class) out of perversity, Instead of a-sourin' with halos and Jest started a-sayin' perniokety things.

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