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TESTIMONIAL FOR A GOOD MAN.

The official report of the proceedings of the seventh annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor, at Portland January 10, 11, 12, 13, 1913, has this paragraph:

Senator Albee—A Portland insurance man, with us on the employers' liability.

Yet an unscrupulous effort is now being made by the newspaper organ of Mr. Rushlight—the Portland News—to make it appear that Mr. Albee is a creature of the corporations and the servitor of Big Business.

Mr. Albee stood straight up in the Legislature and voted his convictions. Yet here also is Dan Kellaher, who proposes insane and impossible schemes for baiting the corporations, assailing Mr. Albee because Albee did not stand in with him.

The Malarkey bill passed the Legislature in 1911 by a practically unanimous vote of both House and Senate. None but Kellaher and one or two others remained faithful in opposition.

Albee is no friend of the people, the people are no friends of themselves. For the Malarkey bill was upheld by the overwhelming vote of 65,985 axes against 40,956 noses.

Illinois has had a stubborn fight in the Legislature over the proposed submission of an initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution.

Before the final vote, substitutes and amendments were offered by the Republican leader restricting the use of direct legislation.

of a direct primary bill which follows the general lines of the Oregon law in abolishing the caucus and the convention and intrusting nominations to the voters themselves.

At the risk of being subjected to the grave charge of uniting with other disinterested newspapers and individuals to interfere in the family affairs of the Democratic party, The Oregonian reproduces this sharp paragraph from the North Yakima Republic:

The fight against Judge Chadwick for the appointment of the well-known fact is that the Democratic organization in this state is worthless.

We hope it is true that the President will not listen to the entreaties of the disgraced Democrat joined with the lamentations of the near-Democratic Senator, Mr. Peindexter.

The Committee of One Hundred desires to have it made clear that the biographies of the candidates for Commissioner now appearing in the columns of The Oregonian are not the product of that organization's investigation.

The Oregonian has already made it plain and makes it plain again that the society or group or association or individual is responsible for the printed list but The Oregonian.

It ought to be easy to resolve the list of suitable candidates who have not only efficiency, but the necessary elements of personal and political strength, down to a small number.

Portland, May 19.—(To the Editor.)—I ask you why and what is the reason for making a referendum on the initiative and referendum question?

The object of voting three choices is to insure the election of men of whom a majority of the electorate approve.

of it. Sale of German guns and loans of German money to Turkey mean more concessions to German capitalists in Asiatic Turkey, which is about half under the Ottoman Empire.

The Japanese issue calls attention to the need of definition of the term "white person." The lower Federal courts have admitted Parsees and high-caste Hindus to citizenship as white persons, one judge conceding that the Hindu is of the Aryan race.

The man who plays "on Sunday" is just as much a Sabbath breaker as the man who plows, says the Rev. J. H. Bennett. Doubtless he is right.

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If the late John W. Fletcher, of Boston, resembled some other mediums and palmists whom we know, there is no great mystery about his "vibrations." He never had any. His skill is no simpler now than it always was.

Colonel Roosevelt and Judge Parker, between whom there has been a coolness ever since they called each other names in 1904, met on friendly terms at the peace conference in New York and the Judge's resignation from the Ananias Club is understood to have been accepted.

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NATIONAL FOREST POLICY UPHOLD. Land Office Agent Declares Compliments Tell But Half Truth. HILLSBORO, Or., May 13.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial, May 12, "Wrong Done Landless Poor," prompts me to offer a few words in the defense of the Government's policy in this respect.

It has been my fortune to have visited a large share of the National Forests of the Pacific Northwest and make examination of the ground with a view to its availability for agriculture.

The simple truth is that the land on which poor people can, or could, make homes in this country is gone—gone into private ownership and beyond the reach of any who have not the price.

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These facts held to be against worth of Vocational Training in Schools. PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—Mr. Mitt's letter, published in The Oregonian today, expresses my view that you cannot put the world into the schoolroom.

When I was training to be a teacher in a normal school (we were required to teach two years in a country school before being qualified for a position in a city school) the principal had placed in the training department a class representing all the grades, simulating the ordinary school where we were to spend our first years.

To illustrate, I taught in a district where the majority of the parents read. The Commoner and Socialist, the morning paper, were the only ones who read. Grant or Roosevelt as worthy types of American citizens brought discord.

The function of the school should be to make a well-balanced, reasonable creature, sympathetic, idealistic and one far enough advanced in the natural sciences and social problems to be able to do his duty in the world.

Mr. Mitt quotes the saying about knowledge being the grandest of gifts, and where we can find information on it. As I told my county superintendent, when questioned as to what I consider education, it isn't the subject matter but a condition to be developed in pupils who, given a certain amount of money, will get out of school without getting it done clean and in a satisfactory manner.

Meat and Produce Dealers and Consumers, Too, Would Suffer. PORTLAND, May 18.—(To the Editor.)—In reference to the editorial in The Oregonian last week, I would like to say a few words as to its bearing on certain lines of business.

The number of people who would welcome the proposed combination of weak-end vacation would be legion, but I have reason to believe there would be found among them a goodly number who would like to get their meat on "Monday" and who would say "Why, we cannot get anything now that is anything but a farce." I have no place to keep it.

Correspondent Wants City Officers Who Will Not Issue Bonds. PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor.)—Multnomah County (built a new courthouse at its own expense of \$1,600,000 and paid for it in cash).

Chicago Record-Herald. "Johnny," said his mother, severely, "someone has taken a big piece of ginger cake out of the pantry." Johnny blushed guiltily.

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