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A MESSAGE OF GOOD CHEER.

President Wilson's message on the trusts is a message of good cheer to business. It expresses joy over the calm which has succeeded the hot contention of the last few years between big business and the law.

NEEDS OF THE COLUMBIA URGENT.

The meeting of business men at the Commercial Club Monday night, as the channel at the mouth of the Columbia River concerns not alone Portland and that section of the valley which is navigable by sea-going ships; it concerns the whole Columbia River basin.

LAST OF MOLLALIS IS IN PRISON.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Having read so much about the "last of Mollalis" and wishing to ascertain the exact truth, I wrote to Professor Leo J. Frachtenberg, of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

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LAW NOT FACTS.

The decision of Judge Anderson in the Copperfield case may be condensed into a few words. In substance it is as follows: The Governor of Oregon has the power to declare martial law. Abuse of that power cannot be restrained by injunction. If the power is abused, however, the Governor is civilly or criminally liable.

THE ANTI-BRYAN PLOT.

Defenders of Secretary Bryan persist in the absurd charge that financial interests are active in making Bryan a political victim. The ultimate object of the plot, it is alleged, is to drive the Secretary out of the Cabinet. In the newspaper discovery of the plot against Bryan the following is found:

LYNCHING DECREASE.

Lynchings have decreased, the number having been 51 in the year 1912, as compared with 64 in 1911. This decrease is attributed by the Boston Transcript mainly to the efforts of Southern executives to prevent lynchings. It says that, while Secretary Swanson was Governor there was not a lynching in Virginia, because negro suspects were guarded by the military officers of the Governor.

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TEXAS is making heroic preparations to double its corn crop next year. The two factors in this achievement are the use of fertilizer and cultivation. It has been proved that corn will mature here and it ought to be planted extensively on every farm.

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GOING AHEAD ON COMPENSATION

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Your editor's full Sunday, "Progress in Compensation," suggested certain features in connection with this subject that have not heretofore been discussed. I refer particularly to the different methods of insurance designations and pointed out by the operation of the new laws in New York and California.

The benefits of the merit system or schedule rating, as it is more commonly called, have been recognized and accepted by the general public as the most equitable and scientifically and economically correct. The individual corporation who represents large fire risk is assured of the lowest rates and the lowest cost of insurance. The same rule of reason has evidently emanated most of the states east of the Mississippi River, with the exception of Ohio, to designate methods of insurance.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From the Oregonian of Jan. 21, 1889. Washington, Jan. 20.—Representative Hermann, in speaking on the omnibus statehood bill, protested against the exclusion of Washington Territory.

Spokane Falls, Jan. 20.—No casket in the city was large enough to hold the remains of Robert S. Turner and one had to be made.

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Governor Semple has written a letter to General Hill, censuring him for calling out the militia at the time of the Newcastle riots.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pittinger and Mrs. Captain Vinnjgerholz will leave today for Southern California.

W. G. Kent, well known in Albina and formerly purser on the steamer Albatross, has been appointed mail clerk on the narrow gauge road between Portland and Coburg in place of W. E. Blodgett.

The old landmarks are disappearing one by one. The old corner along the gulch is being rapidly filled from the grading of G. B. Montgomery's lots on Russell to Gaines street.

Quite a number of carpenters are finishing up the central division of the exposition building.

The funeral of John Mallif, the well-known contractor, took place yesterday. Mr. Mallif was a prominent member of the order of Free Masons, Knights of Pythias and Ancient Order of United Workmen.

John Jack & Co. will start on a dramatic tour in a few days.

Catholic residents assembled yesterday in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral and decided to erect an orphanage tract of some 500 acres about 15 miles south of town has been tendered by Archbishop Gross.

Lee Moorhouse, of Pendleton, is in the city.

Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of Jan. 21, 1864. Headquarters, Department of West Virginia, Jan. 18.—Major Cole, in command of a battalion of Maryland cavalry, encamped in Loudon County, was attacked yesterday by Mosby's guerrillas, with 400 men. After a gallant fight for an hour Mosby was repulsed, leaving his killed and wounded on the field.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Democratic and Conservative members of Congress met yesterday and condemned President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation as revolutionary and unconstitutional.

As a wagon loaded with wood and drawn by two horses was crossing the upper end of the bridge over the street along First, yesterday it broke down and made the passersby take to the mud.

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