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Portland, Thursday, April 23, 1914.

NEW ANTI-TRUST BILL

The revised anti-trust bill has at last been presented to the House by Representative Clayton, and it embodies many changes from the several bills which it displaces.

The bill forbids price discrimination designed to destroy competition and contains the old prohibition against arbitrary or refusal of mining companies to sell their products to any would-be buyer, to which much objection has been made.

An attempt has been made to exempt labor unions and farmers' associations from prosecution under the law by the inclusion of the following, which section E.

The terms of the former bill in regard to incorporate stock holdings are modified so as to prohibit such holdings only when they eliminate or lessen competition.

The bill expressly permits corporations to form subsidiary corporations for the actual carrying on of their immediate lawful business or the natural and legitimate branches thereof.

When the effect is to avoid or lessen competition, the provisions apply to competing railroads.

In every case guilt is made personal, the conviction of a corporation carrying with it the punishment of the individual directors, officers or agents authorizing, ordering or doing prohibited acts.

The anti-injunction sections are tacked on to the bill by means of a section permitting injunctions against railroads, without notice, but a judge may issue a temporary restraining order for not over ten days on a showing that immediate and irreparable injury is likely.

gold mines. That cuts no figure; the public money is to be expended where there are most votes, not where there is the need of the facilities it is to provide.

MARKING TIME AT VERA CRUZ

The decision of the Administration to "sit tight" at Vera Cruz is somewhat in contrast with the firm and decisive action of the past few days. No doubt the purpose in this policy is to minimize the flames of conflict.

Events of a day, or of an hour, may change the situation and make necessary an immediate advance on Mexico City. But in the absence of any such overt acts it is not easy to see just what is to be gained by a protracted period of delay.

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ANOTHER COME-BACK

The re-election of ex-Mayor Fawcett in Tacoma, after the "come-back" of ex-Mayor Gill, of Seattle, leads one to infer that there is a vital difference between the recall election and a regular election.

If our memory is not at fault there was, at the time Mr. Fawcett was recalled, some controversy over city laws, but the burning issues of the present campaign were the Mayor's temperamental qualities and some ancient domestic infidelities which the people had ignored when they elected him.

GIVE HIM HIS DUE

It seems that the real Congressman from the district is Mr. Merrick, who possesses the inconsequential title and the small salary attendant thereto of private secretary to Mr. Lafferty.

DETAINED WITNESSES

The solution of the "detained" witness problem does not appear very difficult to a man who can see through a millstone as clearly as Mr. Lafferty can.

Some of our judges have become so enamored of a learned leisure that they forget to do the work they are paid for. Instead of deciding cases promptly they burn the midnight oil over them week after week and month after month.

and then until next year for no reason except that the accused hopes by delay to escape justice. In the meantime the witnesses scatter to the ends of the earth unless they are detained at public expense.

Thus the merry game goes on, all at the cost of the taxpayers. Justice has become so leisurely and easy-going in the United States that more and more national indignities are often spoken of this country as a paradise for criminals because so few are ever tried and of those few so small a proportion are convicted.

AN APOLOGY AND \$25,000,000

The treaty with Colombia negotiated by Secretary Bryan gives that republic not only \$25,000,000, but an apology which is accepted by Colombia. In the text of the treaty occur these words: "The Government of the United States, desiring to put an end to all disputes and differences with the Republic of Colombia, and to accept of any terms which have brought about the present situation in the isthmus of Panama, in her name and in the name of the people of Colombia, accepts this declaration of intent."

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nature are made only to be broken. Congress was immediately forced to vote the annexation of Texas and President Polk hastened to sign the bill. The people of the new nation joyfully accepted the invitation to join fortunes with the United States.

It was quaintly believed at Washington that a show of force would be sufficient to bring the feeble government to terms. Exactly the contrary effect was really produced. No sooner did the American troops enter Mexican territory than a great popular outburst of national feeling occurred and it was resolved to resist to the last gasp.

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IN GRAY OF MORNING AFTER Things Now Look Different to Late Follower of Col. Roosevelt.

PORTLAND, April 23.—(To the Editor.)—If you will allow a one-time staunch supporter of Theodore Roosevelt, a Progressive Republican, space for a little discussion of the past and present political situation, it will be gratefully appreciated.

It will be noted that the recent registration of voters in California and Oregon, as well as the special election held a short time since in the Second Iowa Congressional District, indicate a considerable falling-off in strength of the Progressive party compared with the vote cast for its standard-bearer at the last Presidential election.

Without doubt more thoughtful study after the excitement of the campaign has passed, the President declared the early part of 1908 Republicans generally, and that means probably a majority of the people of the Nation, were in the mood to elect Theodore Roosevelt, then President. They were united and lined up shoulder to shoulder.

To all arguments presented by this opposition I answer those who followed the President asserted that he knew Mr. Taft better than any one else did; that when he declared that the leading philosophy of the country was the man for the position, he knew what he was talking about, and the people should follow his choice.

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Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian of April 23, 1889.

St. Louis, April 22.—Special dispatches from Oklahoma say that every batch is on the quiver to make a grand run across the line at noon.

Tacoma, W. T. April 22.—The granting of a franchise for street railway lines to the Villard syndicate has created a street riot. Many of the citizens are indignant and have requested the Mayor to veto the bill.

Seattle, April 22.—Hon. W. D. Penon, of McMinville, Or., has formed a partnership with W. W. Newlin and will shortly remove to this city to practice law.

Salem, April 22.—S. C. Hardenbrook had an ear almost cut off and George W. Emert had his head painfully cut in the Capital Lumber Mill today.

John W. Whalley yesterday resigned as a member of the committee on admission to the bar of the United States courts and Lewis B. Cox was appointed to fill the vacancy.

There is likely to be considerable trouble among the land owners and settlers on Columbia Slough over boundary lines. When the fences were built, the surveyor's lines were not followed and it has become necessary in many instances the lines on which the fences were constructed were incorrect.

Mrs. A. J. Wells, secretary of the Baby Home, reports that institution in a most flourishing condition.

James Humphrey has commenced the erection of a fire residence on Eighth and G streets, East Portland.

W. H. Moore came back yesterday from the East Portland seaside camp.

Samuel Staver and family returned from the East yesterday.

Dr. Dav Rafferty will have a fine residence erected on Rafferty's Heights south of Stephens Slough.

Joseph Holladay on Saturday met Theodore Wilson, James Stree and P. O. Lowndes, appraisers of the Ben Holladay estate and expressed a willingness to exhibit the property.

Judge Bellinger yesterday purchased of the Oregon Real Estate Company block 51 in Holladay's Addition to East Portland for \$15,000 and proposes to erect a residence to cost \$12,000.

Joseph E. Grismar and Miss Phoebe Davies will open the New Park Tavern on Monday in Bartley Campbell's "Watras."

Major J. B. Pond, business agent of Bill Nye, telegraphed to W. G. Steel yesterday that Mr. Nye is dangerously sick and that his residence on Pacific Coast tour has been postponed.

J. C. Bayer is having plans prepared for a handsome residence at Lincoln and Seventh streets.

J. C. Leonard who started East before the holidays has a special edition of the Winter in the South, is expected home this morning.

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A Word for the Home

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