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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. Because conditions in Mexico are "fast becoming intolerable" President Wilson will issue a statement defining present policy and latest purposes toward that republic.

AS TO CHILD LABOR. It is quite likely that Mrs. Florence Kelley would have modified her criticism of the Mothers' Congress child labor resolution.

OPINION ON BARNES LIBEL CASE. The consensus of newspaper opinion on the Barnes libel case seems to be that Mr. Barnes has committed political suicide.

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he "was willing to establish branches just as fast as men could be obtained to take charge of them, and he pointed out that he could not only find men who know foreign languages and who know international banking, but that he could not find men who are well qualified in the field of domestic banking."

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Barnes-Roosevelt Fight

It seems to most Americans as if Colonel Roosevelt, from the beginning of his career to the present, has shown that he is anxious and willing to resolve all reasonable doubts in favor of purer and freer government; that he is in sympathy with all efforts to realize the dreams of democracy; that he believes that government should be administered to advantage.

Mr. Roosevelt is confident that in spite of the antics of the jury he has won a moral victory. Perhaps he has; but who could imagine Woodrow Wilson as the case of the present.

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Springfield Republican. If Mr. Barnes' chief motive in bringing suit is to promote his own political fortunes by humbling Mr. Roosevelt before the country, his failure is more complete even than could have been anticipated.

New York Tribune. On the occasion of this case Mr. Barnes staked his political future. He has lost. To Colonel Roosevelt an adverse verdict could not have been so disastrous.

Baltimore Sun. For Barnes' claim damages for being called a "boss" seemed something of a joke and the testimony against him at the trial disclosed nothing to surprise anybody.

New York Evening Post. On Barnes' political future the revelations of the trial ought to put a complete end to his career, and the present Albany appears to be very strong that it will do so.

New York Times. The evidence in the case showed that Theodore Roosevelt got on famously with the big Republican bosses until he and the Republican party had fallen out in 1910.

New York Sun. One of the greatest deeds of beneficent salvage that man can do for his fellow men and declared enemy is that which William Barnes, of Albany, has done for Theodore Roosevelt.

A JINGLE OF THE GLADSTONE SPRING.

There are the gladstone days of Spring, when birds and poets sweetly sing, when there are leaflets on the trees and velvet finish on the breeze.

Yes, Spring is here, the time of year when Freddy and his Daisy, dear, indulge in quiet moonlight walks and semi-idiotic talks.

'Tis Spring, when plumes dot the face, set cetera, of Maude and Grave, and sulphur and molasses dope they chamber in the earnest hope that it may drive every impure mood from out their erstwhile ruddy blood.

'Tis Spring, when dames and maidens sweet appear upon the city street as charming moving picture show, neck ends of shirtwaists cut so low.

More Water Rather Than Less. PORTLAND, May 28.—(To the Editor.)—A complaint regarding the water supply in this city should be ashamed of itself.

Identification Required. Boston Transcript. Clerk—We can't pay you the \$25 on this money order until you are identified.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 29, 1890. The steamer Northwest of the Kelly line came into port yesterday with but one cylinder working, her crank pin having been broken and a serious accident resulting to the starboard engine.

At a meeting of the American Baptist Publication Society yesterday, much enthusiasm was evoked by the announcement that \$400,000 had been raised to supplement the gift of \$600,000 by J. D. Rockefeller, of Cleveland, for the great Baptist University of Chicago.

There is a wonderful run of salmon and canneries cannot use all that are caught. The steamer was in the Coville River, a few miles below Toledo in one of the worst rapids in the river.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 29, 1865. Yesterday was a sad and solemn day in this metropolis. Business was entirely suspended for the obsequies of President Lincoln.

People complain, and not unjustly, of the difficulty attending the crossing of the Willamette to East Portland and back. The greatest drawback our city has is the lack of better accommodations in this respect.

Work on the Oregon Central Millinery road commenced last week. Contract for the construction of the line of such a character that none who attend can fail to be entertained properly.

A Little Slip of Paper. Judge. The punn tickled "You're in the wrong place to have this filed," said the druggist. "Why?" "Because this slip of paper calls for an overcoat."

BOYS WHO FOUGHT IN CIVIL WAR—A number of boys actually fought and were enlisted in the Civil War before they reached their teens. Others saw active service at 13, 14 and 15.

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