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THE DENVER CONVENTION.

The return of Samuel Gompers to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, with the attendant defeat of the opposing candidate, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, is in effect the expression of organized labor's entire satisfaction with itself.

To a very limited extent was the desire for a revision of labor's affairs expressed at the Denver convention. There was no issue as the contrast is generally understood, between radical and conservative elements in the election of the federation president.

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This declaration of principle with the lame comment that the federation is powerless to instruct individual unions to comply with the formula of equal rights.

The motives of the convention were eminently practical throughout, even wages was touched upon. Though the 6-hour day proposal was rejected the refusal of the delegates to approve had no origin in any belief that such a restriction was undesirable.

The aspiration of labor to industrial control, nowhere denied, is not benefited by the shrewdly utilitarian moves of its leaders. Organized labor is functioning in a country where the opposing candidate, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, is in effect the expression of organized labor's entire satisfaction with itself.

The Columbia basin rate case already held records for longevity when the Interstate commerce commission finally determined that Portland and Vancouver were entitled, both by distance and economy of haul, to a 10 per cent differential from points in the inland empire.

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raising states to pander to the class interest of agriculture. The only way to get the party in congress to work as a coherent whole is for the president to take the lead, acting in close co-operation with such leaders as there are.

Comparative figures by years as to cost of the Portland public schools. The Oregonian, should not be passed over on the theory that education has merely taken the upward trend that everything else has taken.

Offhand acceptance of the theory that the high cost of living is wholly to blame is a dangerous encouragement to the school or municipal or state affairs within their administrative keeping. It puts the governmental unit on a footing very different from that of the individual.

Two-thirds of the school revenues are paid out for salaries and wages. The cost of the school is \$71.56 a year, or \$129 this cost is \$116.92. The cost in the elementary grades for each pupil's instruction five years ago was \$50.25. Last year it was \$71.49.

So the salary phase of education's cost is not only a matter of increased pay, but also of increased teaching personnel. Pupils are in a way being educated in a more varied and more complete manner.

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twenty-six-mile marathon, and doubtless the greater part of that historic course was covered by an exhausted, leader runner, traveling at a pace that any school boy could follow.

A statement well worthy of the exclamation point, for the speed of Hiawatha's running is compared from that statement to have been about forty-six miles an hour. And though we are ready enough to yield the point at least partially, admitting that the sons of nature are by and large more equipped to excel in such sports, we cannot strain our fancy to imagine the youthful Indian setting the pace for a speedy roadster.

Directly a man is relegated to the sick room he finds the loss of his ability to engage in his work a gap in his life. He wants that gap filled. In nine cases out of ten it is filled by the nurse—simply because she is there on the scene.

Housewives will be interested in knowing what the president eats, and to know what Mrs. Harding feeds him makes his health, the president has an excellent appetite. A typical menu for the day follows: For breakfast he has a half of a grapefruit, bacon and eggs, the bacon cooked to a golden brown; buttered toast and coffee followed by waffles.

An old Kentuckian visited the city of Louisville several days ago and found the conditions not to his liking. He says the Louisville Courier-Journal, at any rate, that is what he intimates. He was shabby and feeble. His eyes were not the eyes of a human being; they remained one of a beaten dog, and they were raised from the floor to stare open the swinging doors and shuffled up to the bar of the Courthouse café on Sixth street.

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BY-PRODUCTS OF THE PRESS

How a Woman's Career May Affect Her Chance of Marriage. A woman's career is undoubtedly a tremendous factor in her chances of marriage, writes Hester Howlett in the London Mail.

And, as every woman knows, if she wishes to get married she must go where men are, and this means that she must be in the footlights. They are, in every sense of the word, constantly "in the limelight."

The operating theater is the scene of many an inopportune remark. Every woman no matter who or what she is, makes a point of noticing, down to the smallest detail, each man with whom she comes into contact.

After purchasing a large piece of Oregon timber land, a party of men from Lostown, Miss., had arrived in Portland to inspect their holdings. The register of the Multnomah gives their names as A. C. Weston, Harold B. Weston, C. L. Weston, C. L. Weston and W. C. Olin.

W. R. Wyrick, rancher, wheat grower and "roust-out" booster of Pendleton is at the Benson. He says that the wheat crop is going to be a bumper and that the "roust-out" will be a success.

Samuel H. Piles, formerly United States senator from Washington, was in Portland Saturday transacting business. He has made a name for himself in the United States senate 15 years ago. Upon his retirement he resumed the practice of law and is located in Seattle.

A. J. Rice, one of the leading dry goods merchants of St. Louis, accompanied by his wife, is registered at the Portland. Mr. Rice is combining business and pleasure and is taking in some of the scenery surrounding Portland while in the city.

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Those Who Come and Go.

Tales of Folk at the Hotels. The local Scotch colony loses one of its most popular members this week when George Walker, who has been at the Multnomah for the past year, leaves for Australia.

Walter L. Toose Sr. of Salem is registered at the Imperial. Mr. Toose is an active candidate for postmaster at Salem. "I don't know of any man in the state who has done more for the party than I have and my friends unite in saying that I am entitled to the appointment not only from the standpoint of ability, but also from the standpoint of character."

"Wooden awnings are a relic of the past and a disgrace," Mr. Toose declared. A. E. Bonney of San Francisco, who is at the Multnomah. "The city council of Chicago recently passed a resolution to remove the wooden awnings and thereby make a rapid stride. Chicago is one of the best cities in California and is keeping abreast of the times."

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THE FACTS VS. UPTON SINCLAIR

Correspondence Which Shows His Methods of Perversion. PASADENA, Cal., June 11.—(To the Editor.)—You publish a column about "The Brass Check," not entirely complimentary. You don't say very much that is definite, so I will deal with only one point.

A New York newspaper printed an account of the school at a meeting of the Associated Press. It did not occur, but Sinclair assumes not only that it did occur, but that the associated press is responsible for the publication in the Evening Post. Whether there is a committee charged with original Sinclair charges, the Oregonian does not know.

Of course Oklahoma is a long way from Oregon, nevertheless the delegates of the Associated Press ought to manage somehow to get together and agree to tell the same story. UPTON SINCLAIR.

Now here is an apt illustration of the Sinclair method. The Oklahoma publisher does not say that Sinclair or the Sinclair charges were taken up and discussed as part of the program of the Associated Press meeting. But Sinclair chooses that to construe his statement, though he was the one who made the statement.

Upon receipt of the Sinclair article, the editor of the Oregonian wrote to the publisher of the Shawnee News and asked him for an authoritative statement of what he had meant to say in the sentence quoted by Sinclair in the Oregonian. The reply of Mr. Spaulding follows:

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More Truth Than Poetry.

By James J. Montague. WHY THE COMET STARS. I've asked of wise astronomers what made the velvet comet fall. Across the velvet night, each followed by his tail.

One night when all the children stars were shining in the sky, Each gazing just as he was told, an asteroid came a-wooing. A rough and ugly asteroid who hurried much too fast.

Curious the way Mr. Ruth emerged from the cell where he had been confined for speeding there was a little child to cry out to him, "Say it ain't true."

It would have helped, in Sims' Case. The news which heralds says Admiral Sims' achievement are carved out of solid rock. But an admiral's deeds should really be written in water.

The Rest of the World Will Also Profit. That \$2,000,000,000 will not amount to much if it goes to Germany what an expensive luxury the Hobsonian dynasty was.

Burroughs Nature Club. Copyright, Houghton-Mifflin Co. Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Do they have skunks in Europe? 2. Where can one get seeds of Stella salvia, the nutmeg flower of the garden? 3. What kind of worms are used in cooking? I cannot find it in the catalogs of seedmen.

Answers in tomorrow's Nature Notes. Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Is there an evergreen tree, native of the northwest, that yields berries? 2. What is the average life-span of a queen bee? Of a worker bee? A queen bee frequently lives and is profitable through two to three seasons. A worker bee usually lives only a few weeks. The workers wear themselves out in about three months in summer, or even less in the height of a good honey-flow season. Their wings giving out through constant use.

In Other Days. Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of June 27, 1896. The entire plant of the Willamette Steam Mill, Lumbering & Manufacturing company, better known as "Sandy road," was sold by first yesterday afternoon with a loss of \$150,000.

Head's Name Alerts Travelers. SEASIDE, Or., June 25.—(To the Editor.)—It still seems impossible for the public to rest content with "Sandy road" or find a better name for the road leading to the most inspiring city in the union, or anywhere. Let's get together and give it a name. Wouldn't "See-More drive" be most fitting? Or would "See-More highway" be more appropriate? Even "See-More boulevard" would be better than its present name, which makes one who has never yet traveled over it wonder if his car will pull through, judging from its name. That, at least, was my impression when I first heard the name. And, isn't it a miserable name, thusly used? Missouri may be the "Show-More state," but hats off to the "See-More road," our Oregon. E. K. WEST.