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RULE OF SENIORITY AND ITS FOES.

Colonel Bryan returned to his editorial desk in Portland, after his recent conference with President-elect Wilson, and penned a blunt arraignment of the historic seniority rule in Congress. His action is variously interpreted. One view is that Mr. Bryan is always ready to start something, without great regard for consequences. Another view is that he has been inspired by the progress of the Wilson program, and that he has acted without consultation or agreement with the President-elect, but as the great Democratic orator has always been in the hands of the progressive Democracy, so as to insure enactment of the Wilson program, whatever that is. Another is that he has acted without consultation or agreement with the President-elect, but as the great Democratic orator has always been in the hands of the progressive Democracy, so as to insure enactment of the Wilson program, whatever that is.

THE TOTAL VOTE IN 1912.

Table showing total vote in 1912 for various parties: Republican 7,484,940, Democratic 4,493,184, Socialist 1,113,538, Prohibitionist 243,840, Total 14,888,442.

ROOSEVELT ON HISTORY.

Theodore Roosevelt sees in the evolution of scientific history an example of the "instability of the homogeneous." In his address before the American Historical Association in Symphony Hall, Boston, he traced the process with that luminous mastery of language which is one of his most attractive accomplishments. At first history was not differentiated from poetry, philosophy or science. Even in Herodotus' day, the historians had not been clearly drawn. That great genius mingles myth, poetry and fact with little sense of any difference in their value. But when we come to Thucydides we see a complete change. His effort is to tell the truth, and that alone, not forgetting, of course, that truth can be told most powerfully in the form of literary and heroic poetry. Spencer recounted this process long ago in his "First Principles of Philosophy." All the arts, in his opinion, began together, just as did all the sciences. They formed what he was pleased to call "a homogeneous aggregate." Little by little this aggregate was attacked by the process of differentiation, which broke it up into all sorts of unlike units. Literature, which in the beginning was neither history, nor poetry, nor theology, but a mingling of them all, with a good many things besides, fell apart into distinct branches. As the world grew older, it became more and more differentiated, while it "integrates" or develops a firmer unity in its own domain.

THE POPULAR PARCEL POST.

The public has taken advantage of the parcel post so eagerly that the most obtuse must be convinced of its utility. Other countries have been enjoying this convenience for a great many years. The agitation for it in the United States has been wearisome and sometimes apparently hopeless, but at last it is here, at least some of it is here. We have nothing like the full parcel post as it exists in Germany as yet and it is well not to deceive ourselves at that point, but as a beginning what we have attained does very well. People are so ready to use it that we must believe Americans appreciate the conveniences of civilization as fully as other nations when once they see the opportunity to try them. Such opportunities come to us a little slowly, but in the end we are apt to get them and perhaps we make all the better use of them for waiting. Probably few persons realize how thoroughly the parcel post will transform many features of our National life. The old processes of distributing "garden truck" and the like are sure to give way before it. As soon as farmers find out that they can market their vegetables and poultry products by mail they will do it.

House took back to itself and bestowed immediately on the way and under the eyes of its chairman. The precedent of seniority has not been disturbed, and would not have been except for Bryan. The custom of giving the old Senators and Representatives the best committee appointments is not without merit. It is to be had only when the undesirables get the benefit of it; and in this instance the other names of the undesirables are Martin, Bacon, Culberson, Clark, Underwood and their chosen associates. They are undesirable mainly from the standpoint of the public and probably of the Government. Every rural Congressman will seek in the name of the progressive Democracy to wrest control of Congress from them. Yet some Democrats are indulging in a Utopian dream of perfect Democratic harmony for four long years.

SMOKING OUT ROCKEFELLER.

If a burglar were to be discovered entering the mansion of William Rockefeller, he would instantly call upon the public for protection. Or if a trespasser ventured to invade his broad acres, he would summon the authorities to eject him. If a disappointed investor in any of the Rockefeller enterprises seeks reprisal, Mr. Rockefeller raises the siege of the law, and the law protects him. If an anarchist threatens Rockefeller, that alarmed millionaire calls for help and argues-eyed detectives hunt the outlaw down and put him in jail. If life or property is endangered, or his peace disturbed, or his freedom to come and go impeded, Government hurries to Rockefeller's side, and he is safe. But when Government, which gives Rockefeller all he has, and conserves for him all that is his own, wants Rockefeller to render a slight service to the State, and issues a process for him to go to Washington to testify, Rockefeller gets sick, runs away, eludes the deputies, ignores Congress, repudiates his duty as a citizen, forgets everything but his own and everybody but himself. His lackey conceals him, his doctor equivocates for him, his lawyer temporizes for him. It is an edifying spectacle.

The sergeant-at-arms of the House ought to have New York as a base of operations, stationed at the Rockefeller dwelling, and given him five minutes to open the door and accept service. If he declines, the sergeant-at-arms ought to have blown an entrance into the dwelling.

TORIES AND HOME RULE.

Although it is taken for granted that the Irish home rule bill will be rejected by the British House of Lords, the possibility that Mr. Balfour may induce the Unionist majority to pass it is suggested by a well-known English political writer. He calls attention to the fact that the opposition to home rule is far less fierce than it was thirty years ago, but that even at that time Salisbury, the Tory leader, wavered and might have committed his party to some such scheme. If he was ready to take the risk, why should not the present leaders do so? They have a strong temptation in that that home rule is a Tory issue, the Asquith coalition together. That measure once passed, a Tory leader is quoted as predicting the coalition will fall to pieces and that his party will be in office before Easter.

NEWSPAPER ANNUALS.

If a stranger were to judge Oregon cities by their newspapers, he would easily place Eugene in first place when he saw a copy of the Guard issued on New Year's day. It is in eleven sections and eighty-eight pages, "designed to tell the story of a year's progress in Eugene and Lane County." It is the most comprehensive and exhaustive showing of resources in all lines of activity by a newspaper outside of Portland. Not behind, except in the trifling matter of few pages, is the annual number of the Eugene Register, in eight sections. It shows grasp of the situation and has clearly set forth why Eugene stands as it does in high importance in thirty-two pages in the New Year's number of the Salem Statesman, all calendared paper, replete with half-tone engravings, well printed. As it says: "Marion County abounds in agricultural wealth," and the showing that is made by this issue of the Statesman, verified by the statistics in the "Willamette Valley Progress Edition," and it is modestly placing Salem at the head and proving the fact. The Medford Mail Tribune of January 1 consists of thirty-two pages in four sections. The city and Jackson County, and the Rogue River Valley, are ably served by the majorities of the paper. People of the world who know not of opportunities that await them in that marvelous section of Oregon need but a copy of the Mail Tribune for enlightenment to their advantage.

ELECTING A FRENCH PRESIDENT.

A new President of France will go into office on February 1, 1913, or a little more than two weeks prior to the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States. It has been nearly a year since the Presidential campaign in America opened actively, and nearly two months have passed since election. Yet the new President of France has not yet been elected. The office has become a vacant one, and only in recent days have dispatches carried much news incident to the forthcoming event, or speculation as to candidates. Throwing of hats into the ring, swings around the circle, National campaign organizations, collection of campaign funds, and similar features are being carried on in France. There it is not so much a matter of who can get the honor as of who will take it. Instead of being the absorbing topic of the day among the multitude, the election of President is given about as much attention in France as we now bestow upon the election of a president pro tempore of the Senate.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FATHER TIME.

Wonderful are the transformations Christian love is effecting in the great institutions of the world. The schools have caught the watchword of service. They are not working any more to produce a race of selfishly trained exploiters whose purpose is to spoil their fellows. Their new and better ideal is to develop men and women fitted to dwell happily in a mutually helpful and harmonious world. The work that must be done and each capable of efficient service in return for what he enjoys. The new aim of education is to fit human beings for life under the reign of the golden rule, not to school the pupil for himself alone, but for the benefit of the race. To this end we see the development of the profoundly Christian science of eugenics and the great doctrines of social hygiene which portend the advent of happier times. The church feels the new impulse as deeply as the schools. In how many pulpits are the golden rules of the gods of ancient myths and bygone theologies? Not many. The minister of our time is returning to the example of his Master. He seeks to do the will of God by serving man, and the more direct and immediate he can make his service, the better he is considered and satisfied. The day is gone when the ministry postpones its promises of good to another world. It is no longer thought necessary to prepare us for heaven by permitting earth to be a hell. On the contrary, the church is now joining hands with other social forces to make the earth a clean and happy dwelling. If the Lord wishes us to be happy in the next world, it is a safe inference that misery does not please him here, and so his chosen servants have joined the ever-growing crusade against wretchedness and woe. The word has gone forth that

of the same contempt for legal forms. When Jefferson was faced with the problem of acquiring Louisiana he acted in just about the same way as Roosevelt did in the Panama matter. Theoretically, Jefferson did not believe that the Federal Government had any authority to buy Louisiana. Practically, he threw his theories overboard and made the purchase.

Most of the Revolutionary statesmen were wide readers and deep thinkers. Jefferson stands for their culture better, perhaps, than anybody else, but scholarship and philosophy were their common possession. Benjamin Franklin was a great name as an experimental scientist. What his literary capacity was we all know from reading his autobiography. Some of our modern politicians have written memoirs, as it is fashionable to call them, but usually they are not literary. They are material for history. No doubt it will be conceded that American public life has suffered a certain lowering from the deficiency of public men in scholarship as well as from their lack of sympathy with genius. If some of them had been artists or men of letters, they might have championed ideas which would have promoted the public welfare. The chances are that as we advance to new points of view the country will see the advantage of admitting scholars and artists to public life, as was done at the beginning of our history.

The spectacle of four petty nations, one of which was only a generation ago delivered from bondage, taking the once proud Turkish empire by the throat and threatening more empire unless the sultan of Constantinople shall be surrendered is thrilling. Their demand has the better excuse in the fact that on the very day when it is made rumors come that the city has already capitulated. Simultaneously comes news that the Turkish forces on the island of Chios have surrendered to the Greeks, which adds to the firmness with which the allies insist upon their terms and to the confidence with which they threaten renewal of the war.

BALANCE OF POWER CHANGED.

The changed position of affairs wrought by the rise of the Balkan states and the destruction of Turkish power in Europe is a disturbing effect on the balance of power between the triple alliance and the triple entente. Germany has been assiduously cultivating Turkish friendship in the hope that, in the event of war with Britain, Turkey would prove a valuable military ally and would threaten the Suez Canal. A Turkish alliance would be well worth to them as the protective tariff. A thousand years from now it will be a great deal more alive.

NATURE BOUNTIFUL IN HER GIFTS.

The American-Scandinavian Review is one of the excellent enterprises of our day. It was established last November by the trustees of the American-Scandinavian Foundation, which was endowed with half a million dollars by the late Niels Poulsen. Its purpose is "to cultivate closer relations between the peoples of the United States and Denmark, Norway and Sweden." The Review is the organ of the Foundation. It is published in New York.

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the ancient evils can all be cured. Just as the doctors have conquered the old diseases one after the other until pretty nearly the last has yielded, so now we are gathering courage to attack and conquer the maladies of society.

It is the maxim of the fourteenth century of the twentieth century, is "Go to the roots of things." The world cannot longer be contented with treating symptoms. We must study causes and apply radical remedies, so radical that misery leaves no seed behind it to start a new crop. The ideal of government has changed with the rest. War, taxation and empty pageantry, which were formerly its main business, become less important every year, and we are forming the habit of looking upon the Government as a great instrument of service to the people. It will be made more useful by all the things which lesser organizations are unable to do. The Government is a vast corporation in which we are all shareholders. Its mighty energies turn, as the new day dawns, from destruction and waste to building homes, to teaching up the children, to women to dwell in them. There is nothing in God's universe so beautiful, so valuable, so infinitely to be desired, as a human being perfect in all his powers, free and happy in all his activities, kindly in all his relations to others. It is this type of man and woman that the new spirit of the race and its institutions will develop, and with their creation will come a clean, sane and wholesome world for them to live and serve in.

There is a report that the supply of dancing teachers is far behind the demand. There has been a genuine revival of this charming art in the United States, principally in the way of those dances which are historically significant. The "folk dances" of which we hear so much are intimately interwoven with the growth of civilization. A lady who had been teaching folk dances at one of the Chicago high schools gave out word that she was going to leave. The parents valued her services so highly that they united in a letter begging her to stay. Everybody ought to learn to dance, especially people past 50.

IF THE FOLLOWING FROM THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BOSTON TRANSCRIPT SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY EXPERIENCE, WILSON WILL PROVE TO HAVE THE HAND OF IRON IN THE GLOVE OF VELVET.

DEMOCRATS WHO ARE VISITING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY REPORT THAT HE HAS A TASTE OF HIS OWN AND THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO TRUST HIS JUDGMENT. THEY BELIEVE HE WILL EXERCISE AN AUTOCRATIC SWAY OVER CONGRESS AS ROOSEVELT EVER WISHED, ALTHOUGH BY DIFFERENT METHODS. HE IS MORE THAN EITHER ROOSEVELT OR TAFT AND LESS INCLINED TO CONSULT HIS OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS THAN THE SELECTION OF THOSE OTHER THAN ROOSEVELT. BUT HE IS NO LESS AMBITIOUS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT TO MAKE HIS ADMINISTRATION A SUCCESS. HE BELIEVES THE IDEA THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO DEAL WITH GREAT AFFAIRS.

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Scraps and Jingles

Leon Cass Brier. I did my New Year's resolutions early. Did you? The fun of breaking 'em is proportionate to just how resolute you were. Every little new year has a diary of its own.

1912 has trotted To his long repose. His dripping raiment shaking As he goes. Ready, old year, Though your kingly glories wane, In Oregon, at least, we can't Fear your rain.

Murderers in Oregon are the only people who do not complain of the high cost of living. News item says that in Seattle Italian wine is gradually taking the place of champagne on festival occasions. Which is a more reasonable why I don't want to live in Seattle than the fact that it is so.

How publishers do seize opportunities! Right following an announcement that the Chinese are to don American clothes I find a new book on the market, called "How to Identify Old China."

Idea of stock holders in company starting to renovate motor tires—they will re-tire with a fortune.

A Finnish Limerick. There was a young dame named Cholmondeley Who always at parties sat ghoulmondeley. Her brother then said, "As he punched her fat head, Say, sis, be active as cholmondeley." (Key: Cholmondeley is pronounced Chumley.)

Another one: There was a man named Beauchamp. The heathen he'd lecture and preachamp. At a nice little meal I thought I'd give him a treatamp. Through their tummies alone could he reachamp. (Pronounce Beauchamp as pronounced Beauchamp.)

Young housewife goes to ask what is a Bath tub? I'm sure I dunno, but I reckon it's some sort of a sponge cake.

To paradise, fair and bright, Before the fall, I'd compare Your New Year's bail. If, as I said, you're not the fall, I'd be glad to hear the serpent's call. "Everybody rag with all your might," I tripped you, and we both did sprawl, And so I'm glad to see the right. My name among your friends to scrawl, As I did, before we danced, as I say, Before the fall.

It is not that you said I was curd When you slipped on the mud like a dart, And slid down the gutter a block. That forever from you I must part. It isn't that I've not the right, That my love from you quickly goes, But next time you slip on the pavement Don't have any holes in your shoes.

NATURE BOUNTIFUL IN HER GIFTS. But Co-operation Will Hasten Making of City of Million People. PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I have read with some interest the letter by R. Chilcott in The Oregonian. Apparently he is one of the few men who have an idea of the strategic importance of a city of millions of Portland and of its future. I write, however, with diffidence, being a new arrival from the old country. Possibly I may be mistaken, and maybe Portland will always be a city of millions, but it appears to me that in spite of itself Portland is going to take its place as a great center of industry, particularly as the shipping door of the Northwest.

I believe I have visited every port of importance in the north of Europe but have yet to see such possibilities at the back of any port of entry as you have here. Why? I believe it is because there such a natural inland waterway from Punta Arenas up. Nature has not been kind to the Pacific Coast in the way of harbors. You have San Francisco, situated on the coast in the Sound port, handicapped by the Cascade range. Your port occupies, at the moment, an intermediate position as regards regular berth shipping business. That of itself is not of great commercial importance is certain, that it has an enormous future is equally certain—how enormous is not for me to attempt to define, but I have my own ideas.

You should not neglect the maritime race. Here you have never appreciated the advantages of an inland door from the sea and here you have not on the whole that esprit de corps which will do more for the benefit of the community in consolidating efforts to one end. This, however, I believe will come. I do not wish to minimize the work done by your Port Commission but it does not appear to me that they are adequately and enthusiastically supported.

Take Hamburg and Antwerp for examples, and their splendid systems of docks—multiple understandings. What have they cared for expense? They say "No matter if even the docks do not pay, see what business they bring to the Port." This is as it should be. Make Portland the center of the import and export trade, the center of distribution in the Northwest, and a city of a million is only a question of time, and that not over long.

Mr. Chilcott notes that you are not building vessels to take advantage of coastwise trade through the canal. The cost of building in America is prohibitive. When you buy foreign-built vessels to run under the American flag and free from the coastal disabilities as to trade then you will build up a mercantile marine and not before.

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