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**WEATHER.**

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow; colder in south portion.

**CENTRALIZATION.**

For want of something to hurl at Theodore Roosevelt and disparage his past and cripple his future, the enemies of his administration are endeavoring to fix upon him the charge of warping the federal powers to the point of centralization and focusing the sway of the government to lines unauthorized by the constitution. The trick will not work. The people know to a dot all they have had to bear from the dominance of great and powerful combinations in every avenue of human supply and they know that for the first time in scores of years the law of precedent has been thrust aside and the law itself exercised in its fullness and purity, for the common good.

The President is doing what his predecessors failed to do, that is all. And the hearts and hands of the commonalty are with him and behind him in his courageous course of conviction and correction. He is simply trying to put the government in such a position that it may assert the supremacy of the people against the plutocratic kings of commerce, and preserve the rights of both. No man in his position has had the nerve to undertake such a revolution and the common knowledge of his pluck and success has become his most powerful endorsement and his invincible ally in the war of righteous regulation. Roosevelt is no autocrat and would be the first to fight the dangerous assumption of illegal authority, let alone its expression for cumulative purposes. He may not succeed himself in the great post, but while he is there, he will be President of the United States, and every atom of law at his command will be invoked for the doing of the right thing and the undoing of the wrong. The people in general did not know how much law there was on their side of the immense questions confronting them, until this man called it into forceful effect, and they glory in his will and wisdom to apply it as he has.

**PLACATING THE LEGISLATURE.**

With a realizing sense of the exact temper of the people, and its new legislature, in matters bearing upon railroads, rates and rebates, the O. R. & N. Company sounds its key-note of fear and conciliation by publishing a new and sharply reduced freight schedule to interior points in Oregon. The reductions, as to classes, run all the way from \$2.50 to \$3.25 per ton, and the public announcement is hedged about with all sorts of excuses for the radical change in the tariffs, always excepting the real excuse, of course. It is directly in line with the railway policies to do this sort of thing when they are up against a tangible expression of popular disgust and it were well for legislators to remember the literal expediency of the move and discount it accordingly. The people of Oregon want no subterfuges like this; they want a complete overhauling of the railroad businesses of the state, and fair and honest treatment. Nothing more nor less than this will do and representatives at Salem will make the blunder of their lives if they stand for any trans-

parent dodges such as this and abate the rigor of their inquiry and remedial resort. The list of delinquencies chargeable to the rail lines of Oregon is an immense one and some of the elements of contention are far too pronounced to longer remain unadjusted. It is strictly up to this legislature to do its duty by the people of Oregon on this vital subject without anything more than an honest regard for the real rights of the transportation companies. The people's turn is at hand.

**FRANK C. BAKER.**

The death of this noted citizen has caused very sincere regret all over the State of Oregon, and not the least in Astoria, where he had many devoted friends who have known and appreciated him for years past. He was one of the real political leaders of the Republican interests in the northwest and at one time practically directed the policies of the party here. He was a virile, strenuous, self-reliant man with big faith in the future of Oregon and the impulse and courage to assist in the accomplishment of that destiny. That he did contribute largely to the growth and development of the state, no one with a knowledge of history of the past score of years will deny for a moment. He died in his prime, and his loss is to be regretted in more ways than one; and the Astorian, along with the hosts of Oregon Republicans who knew him well, realize the utmost of this sad and sudden ending of a useful and honored career.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

The little brown man can be as "red" as the rankest of Old World anarchists.

Will Mr. Weather Man please hold up the rain now for a while until we get our spring plowing done?

Sailors have reached this port complaining that they can't stand the canned meat they get on shipboard. Is it possible they have read "The Jungle"?

That Nicaraguan hurricane which killed nine men was more destructive than a Cuban revolution.—Philadelphia North American.

A corn crop of 2,750,069,000 bushels suggests that the internal revenue officers will have to be exceptionally vigilant.—Atlanta Constitution.

Professors of the Smithsonian Institute declare that the rattler's bite is not fatal. Westerns do not believe him and are not anxious to be "shown."

Indiana should be known henceforth as the "Candy State." It produces more peppermint and more sugar-coated best-sellers than any other state in the Union.

Wm. Thaw of Pittsburg is laughed at for having prophesied years ago that Rockefeller would be a failure. Judged by the best standards the oil king has been a conspicuous failure.

Lawyers of Montana have adopted a uniform scale of fees and raised the rates. They say that hard times and high living make this necessary. And high living makes lawyers necessary, so they are entitled to the consideration.

As long as the disposition prevails to a considerable extent, to find more fault with muck-rakers than with the muck-makers, there ought to be employment for the muck-rakers.—Kansas City Times.

President Roosevelt is determined that the Senate shall not take the command of the army away from him, despite the efforts of Senator Foraker. The Senate's attempt to usurp the prerogatives of the President as the commander-in-chief of the army is even worse than Root's proposition to wipe out the constitutional rights of the state by Presidential proclamation.

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**IMPORTANT RULING ON FISHERIES**

**MASTER FISH WARDEN VAN DUSEN RECEIVES CONCLUSIVE OPINION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL CRAWFORD.**

The following correspondence between the offices of Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, of this state, and Hon. A. M. Crawford, attorney general of Oregon, explains itself in very specific and interesting terms, and involves a conclusive opinion in favor of prosecution by either state for offenses committed in either, an opinion that means much for fisheries officers, and for the men disposed to evade either territory in a criminal way.

Following is the text of the letters passing on this subject:

"Astoria, Ore., Oct. 17, 1906.  
"Hon. A. M. Crawford, Attorney General, Salem, Oregon.

"Dear Sir—Last month information was furnished by Water Bailiff 'Settem' that on the evening of September 2, 6 o'clock, the close season period, he found a trap fishing that was situated in the Columbia river, which was being operated under a Washington license. The matter was presented to the district attorney who was in doubt about the courts sustaining him in bringing an action against the owner or operator of the trap, inasmuch as it was located on what is claimed to be Washington soil.

"Relative thereto, I beg to state that I was of the opinion that a case similar to this was up before Judge Bellinger several years ago in the United States Circuit Court, who held that the fish commissioner of this state has no jurisdiction over matters of this kind, inasmuch as the laws of Oregon and Washington did not at that time concur; but since then the laws have been made practically the same in both states, and as regards the close season period, they concur fully, and in accordance with the opinion rendered by Judge Bellinger heretofore referred to, we should have concurrent jurisdiction over the entire river.

"In order to be made right relative thereto, I respectfully ask for your opinion on the matter in question for it places us in a very awkward position if we are not allowed to prosecute everyone found fishing on the Columbia river during any of the close season periods. Thanking you for this

opinion, I remain, Yours very respectfully,

"H. G. VAN DUSEN,  
(Signed) "Master Fish Warden."  
"Salem, December 31, 1906.  
"Hon. H. G. Van Dusen, Master Fish Warden, Astoria, Oregon.

"Dear Sir—Replying to yours of the 28th instant, relative to the concurrent jurisdiction over the waters of the Columbia river, permit me to call your attention again to opinion furnished you under date of November 17, 1906, upon the same question, in which we cited the opinion of Judge Bellinger in re Matteson, 69 Federal Reporter, 525, concurred in by Judge Hanford, and in which opinion they lay down the rule in substance that the word 'concurrent' in its legal and generally accepted definition, means acting in conjunction, and when applied to the jurisdiction of Oregon, to enact penal laws for the Columbia river, it can only mean the power to enact such criminal statutes as are agreed to or acquiesced in by the State of Washington, or as are already in force within its jurisdiction; that the concurrent jurisdiction can be invoked to punish acts that are crimes in themselves, or that are made so by the laws of both states having such jurisdiction.

"Comparing the statutes of the State of Oregon and the State of Washington, relative to the close season for fishing for salmon in the Columbia river, I find that each state makes it criminal to fish for salmon by any means whatever between 12 o'clock noon on the 15th day of March and 12 o'clock noon on the 15th day of April, and between the hours of 12 o'clock noon on the 25th of August and 12 o'clock noon on the 10th of September in each year.

"Therefore, both states having provided the same time for the close season, and making it a crime to take salmon between the dates above mentioned, I am of opinion that the case comes within the rules laid down by Judges Hanford and Bellinger, above mentioned, and that a person fishing in violation of the laws of either state can be arrested and punished under the laws of the State of Oregon.

"Very respectfully yours,  
(Signed) "A. M. CRAWFORD,  
"Attorney General."

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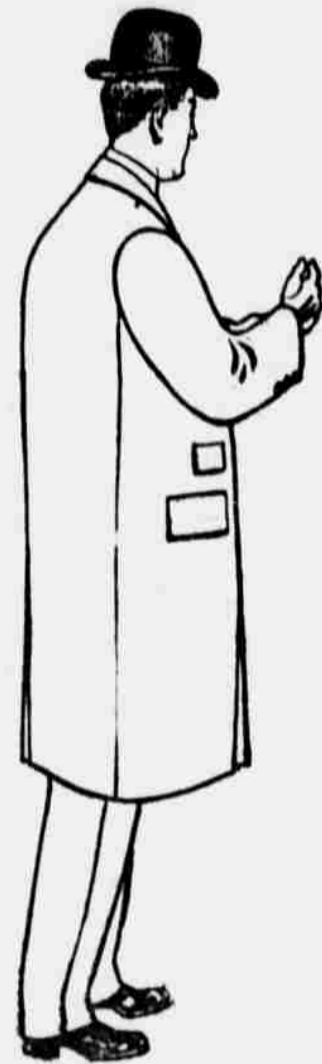
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