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PORTLAND'S PROSPECTS

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REMARKS ABOUT THE WEATHER.

STRANGE THING, the weather. No wonder people talk so much about it. Here we are having in western Oregon an unprecedented dry time, considering the time of year—almost no rain for over two months, while in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington, usually far more rainless at this time of year, soaking rains have lately fallen.

Western Oregon crops are doubtless suffering from lack of rain, and some of them will be light on that account, yet they will not be by any means a failure, and compensation will appear in the largest crops, apparently, east of the mountains, ever raised in that region.

All the way from the Cascade mountains on the west to the Idaho and British Columbia mountains on the east and north—on both slopes of the Blue mountains, but particularly in the great Inland Empire wheat belt—the wheat and other crops are simply immense. Wheat is yielding, on average soil, 30 to 35 bushels an acre, and barley, 35 to 40—in many cases much more. Some damage was done by frost in being reported the other day that Mr. Conley, the Union county "wheat king," would cut nearly all his thousands of acres for hay. But as a rule the crops are big, and the farmers of the upper country will have a very large aggregate surplus of money next fall.

Those of western Oregon will not be quite so well off, but when everything is measured and counted up, it will be found that they, too, will be in a generally prosperous condition.

Rain would be not only very agreeable, but exceedingly valuable, yet worrying and wishing will not bring it, and we might as well look pleasant, and keep the bright side in view. After all, it is a large and pretty side.

DEMOCRATIC VOTE OF NEW YORK.

MR. BRYAN, in his recent Cooper Union speech, stated the fact, which may seem a curious one, that Judge Parker, though elected by a large plurality in 1897, received fewer votes in New York than Mr. Bryan did in 1900, although Bryan was beaten by 268,469 in that state.

This exhibits an interesting phase of New York politics—and one observable to a lesser extent elsewhere—which can be explained only by the expressions—the independent, and the stay-at-home vote.

The total vote of New York state for Mr. Bryan in 1896 was 551,369. In 1897, Judge Parker received 554,680 votes, and was elected by 49,889 plurality. But in 1900 Mr. Bryan, although beaten by 123,606, received about 122,000 votes more than Parker did three years before.

It does not necessarily follow that Parker is weaker in New York than Bryan, for Parker was running for an office for which he was peculiarly fitted, and New York generally has a bi-partisan bench; that is, many Republicans will vote for a good Democrat for a judge of the court of appeals, when the Republicans already have a majority of the court—which would be a good practice to follow here.

Neither Mr. Bryan, nor any man whom Mr. Bryan would doubt, could carry New York this year. It is perhaps doubtful whether Judge Parker could carry the state for president, though in all probability he could do so by a large majority if he were again a candidate for judge.

So Mr. Bryan's statement, while interesting, and worth noticing, has not the significance which he apparently wishes people to attribute to it.

WHAT KIND OF DEMOCRACY?

ARE WE TO HAVE August Belmont democracy, or Pat McCarran democracy, or Dave Hill democracy? Mr. Bryan may be politically unwise, sometimes; he is not sufficiently adaptable to circumstances to be a leading politician, perhaps not to be a great statesman; but the time is rapidly wheeling and whirling hitherward when the people, as between August Belmont and William Jennings Bryan, will choose the latter—that is, his type—rather than the plutocratic type represented by August Belmont.

Now if this is not true, democracy is not worth fighting for, talking for, or worrying about. We might as well vote for Roosevelt, a man of many admirable features, but of some not quite so admirable.

Small Change

It looks somewhat Parkerish. Bryan continues to be interesting. Dr. Swallow may possibly outrun Debs.

Weather prediction for St. Louis: Very stormy.

If defeated, could Parker get that judgeship back?

Now, why couldn't some bandit have captured Dewey?

That speech of Bryan's will be worth reading, anyhow.

Harmony in a Democratic convention is one of the impossibilities.

The July bride is just as sweet and pretty as the June bride was.

John W. Gates is becoming nearly popular enough to run for sheriff.

Pick out the best of everything from now on for next year's exhibit.

Mr. Bryan considers himself a conspicuous example of a stand-patter.

The Fourth of July was duly celebrated in and around Port Arthur.

General Miles is wondering if he won't be mentioned at all at St. Louis.

People of the more elevated portions of the east side are calling for more HIO.

It is delightful at the beach, of course; but so it is right here in Portland, thank you.

The products of Oregon will be big and very valuable if it doesn't rain till next Christmas.

If you were not physically injured on the glorious Fourth you are lucky, and should be thankful.

The people generally have entire confidence in Sheriff Wood, and he a Democrat, too! Wonderful.

If Jefferson were to come to life and go into that convention, some delegates would question his democracy.

So far no fatalities among the delegates to the St. Louis convention from blowing out the gas have been reported.

Scientific sharps say solar heat is decreasing. But visitors to St. Louis and Kansas farm hands don't believe it.

Will General Miles vote the prohibition ticket now? But it is nobody's business but his own, unless he wants to tell.

Oregon needs several more railroads, and will get them, too, before very long, in spite of the Harrimans and Hills.

Why couldn't they have held the convention on the pike? Perhaps the fair managers would have paid their expenses.

One interesting vacation trip would be to go to eastern Oregon and observe the work of gathering the immense harvest out there.

A Westphalian, who worked 75 years on the same farm, has retired to a poorhouse, and now perhaps thinks that there is something wrong about the gospel of work.

Mr. Cleveland is going to New Hampshire, so that he won't be bothered by newspaper reporters. But New Hampshire is not Manitoba, and newspaper men can surely go anywhere Mr. Cleveland can.

On one thing most Democrats can agree on—that is with regard to the tariff—and a good many Republicans agree with them, too. But what is needed is Democrats who, when elected, will practice what they profess.

After sitting and sipping up all accounts of Oregon's exhibit at St. Louis, it may at least be said that an extension through to Bend probably before the end of this year. According to this statement of the case the Columbia Southern will be extended but little beyond its present terminus and Crook county's first railroad will be the longest in the West.

An interesting theory in this connection is that the capital in the new Deschutes irrigation work is affiliated with Standard Oil interests. Standard Oil is now in the hands of the Standard Oil company, which has \$25,000,000 of cash in its treasury and is very eager for a Pacific coast outlet, and that the new turn here upon means an entirely new transcontinental railroad through Bend. This, it is argued, would account for the confidence shown in the country by people who are really but little acquainted with it—they know what is coming.

However that may be, the indications are strong that the Corvallis & Eastern will soon start its extension this way. It grades the line about 15 miles from Bend, though 40 miles of its grade has no track upon it.

There is reliable information that the Corvallis & Eastern is arranging for station facilities and timetables, along the line of the proposed extension. One of these will be at Picket Island, about 10 miles below Bend, where a town to be called Laidlaw is being planned. It is named after W. A. Laidlaw, secretary and manager of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, which company will have headquarters there. It will be a central point for settlers on Columbia Southern reclaimed lands, which will increase its importance as a trading point. Arrangements are now being made for plating the new town.

Whether the extension will be under the control of A. B. Hammond, owner of the Corvallis & Eastern, or in other hands, is not yet known here. If in Mr. Hammond's control it may not get across the state for some time, for it would lack transcontinental connections. But Mr. Hammond can operate the Corvallis & Eastern quite independent of the big transcontinentals. He can do a large business carrying Deschutes lumber down to Yacult, by and there loading it on ships for the California market. No other line can get Deschutes lumber without making terms with the transcontinentals.

If the Corvallis & Eastern has gone over to the Chicago-Milwaukee & St. Paul it doubtless means the advent of another powerful line into the family of the transcontinental railroads. And the development it will bring to central Oregon will be beyond all calculation.



July 6.—We set sail and at one mile passed a sandbar, three miles further an island and a prairie to the north at a distance of four miles from the river. The river falls slowly and owing either to the muddiness of its water or the extreme heat of the weather the men perished profusely. We camped on the south, having made 15 miles. The bird called the whip-poor-will sat on the boat for some time.

THE REARING OF CHILDREN

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox) (Copyright, 1904, by W. H. Hearst.) Some months ago I received a letter from that good woman, Emma Sickle, in which she said:

"It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when men will see it a far more serious thing to bring life into human existence, of suffering and degradation, than it is to send the earthy presence of that life, and that they are quite as responsible to God and to society for the lives they bring into being as they are for the lives they murder."

That day is not so near as Miss Sickle has hoped, yet such a day may come. A day when the propagation of the human family will be under as strict a law as the breeding of the fowls or blooded stock, with the additional element of religion to aid science. Fine animals are bred by science—the science of careful selection and wise mating.

But it requires more elements to produce a splendid specimen of the human family than a perfect animal.

Fine feathers make fine birds, and tender flesh and certain productive and salable qualities complete the well-bred fowl.

The high-bred horse needs fine points, speed and carriage. But the perfectly bred human being, such as the world waits to welcome, must be mentally, physically, morally, and socially well as physically developed, and all these traits should be equally balanced.

The man of stunted or deformed body or giant proportions, the amemic and feeble-minded, the over-sensitive and self-indulgent, the material-minded, or the spiritual bigot, are all types to be eradicated. The ideal race of the coming age will be men of good status and strong vitality, intellectual and reverent, and all animated with an ambition to work together toward the betterment of this world.

There are few deformed animals, because animals even when left to themselves do not breed more according to nature than the average man. All deformity of mind and body is the result of wrong conditions—ignorance, self-indulgence, extreme poverty and excessive luxury. By and by the wise people of the world are going to see how necessary it is to control the conditions under which children are propagated, and to establish laws and parents will abide by them. No criminal, no diseased person, no drunkard, will be allowed to produce his kind.

Before a marriage license can be produced, each party to a marriage must investigate the conditions and decide whether the parties are proper people to become parents. This will be the earliest preparation of men and women for marriage and parenthood—the most important occupation of life.

Women will be guarded and protected before the birth of children and taught the wonderful influence of prenatal influence. Men will lift their hats to an expectant mother, and the child will be welcomed with rejoicing and reared as carefully as he was born.

This was done in the days of old Greece, but woman was not allowed the intellectual freedom which is hers to-day, and the world was more cruel and possessed less scientific knowledge.

In the next hundred years science is to make marvelous religious truths, only known now to the few enlightened minds, universal facts, and that will help man and woman to go about propagation of a higher order of human beings with reverence and patience.

The time will come when it will seem a matter of surprise to the denizens of the earth that the fathers of the children were ever allowed to produce offspring. Meantime let mothers remember how much they can do today by keeping their minds uplifted and their hearts full of love for the unborn child they are moulding.

And let them think before they become wives of the manner of men they are espousing for the fathers of their children.

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Oregon Sidelights

Rainier has a lively board of trade, composed of men who will make that a much bigger and better town.

Roseburg is proud of being advanced from the third to the second-class as a postoffice. Roseburg is growing nicely.

The man who sued the city of Seol for \$27,000 on account of a lost leg, did not get a cent. Seol hasn't that much money to spare.

The Eugene Commercial club is doing good work for that city, particularly in raising \$5,000 for building a railroad to the Blue River mines.

Some people use dynamite in Olive lake to get fish. Such people should never have a chance to taste of a fish—such a penalty were possible.

A half-dozen Weston fishermen spent two jolly days last week on the south fork of the Umatilla river, returning Saturday. They report a total catch of 1,100 trout.

There are many opportunities in Douglas county for people of moderate means to secure good homes. The soil is productive and the climate approximately perfect.

An Albany man is creating consternation with an automobile recklessly driven. Some men who are able to buy an automobile have no consideration for the rights of other people.

Evidence accumulates that Norman Williams, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of the Nesbitt woman, was a double murderer before he committed the horrible crime for which he is to be executed.

A man who used to live at Forest Grove and sold out and went back to Ohio to live has returned, this time, his wife says, to stay. They nearly all die—can't keep away from Oregon after living here awhile.

By digging a tunnel 7,000 feet long through the base of a hill, the Klamath Irrigation company will provide water for the reclamation of 20,000 acres of arid land, thus more than doubling the area of irrigated land in Klamath basin.

William Wolfe of Hillsboro placed his pipe in his coat pocket and then suspended the coat on a nail in the bedroom. The tobacco in the pipe set fire to the coat and the coat set fire to the house. Then the house smoked more furiously for awhile than William ever did.

Brownsville Times: Perhaps no section of the state can boast of a better growth of population than has occurred in Brownsville and the surrounding country during the past few years. It is conservative to say that something like 200 people have recently settled in our midst, coming here from almost every part of the United States, and swelling the population of Brownsville to upwards of 1,000 people.

Union correspondence of Aurora Borealis: Miss Laura Keller was canning cherries for Otto Knorr a few days ago, and that's a very good sign.

The post says. Amanda Smith visited at Keller's Sunday, but was disappointed. Fanny Boeck had left a few days before and gone home. She had attended a party at Woodburn Thursday and the next day spoke about the neck-looker boys that Woodburn has. That's all right, Amelia; just so you find some good looking ones some place in the country.

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