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THE NEW ERA FOR OREGON.

ANY OBSERVANT PERSON who has lived long, or even not very long, in Oregon can see unmistakable signs of a new era for this state...

This development will come, it is coming, has already begun, and is coming more and more rapidly...

First, an open river, to secure which the portage road, then the canal, must be constructed.

Second, making Oregon known throughout the east, and inducing the right kind of immigration—people with brains, brains and cash.

Third, a general, urgent, influential pressure brought upon large land-holders to break up their tracts and sell them in small tracts at reasonable prices to homeseekers...

Fourth, electric roads. From Portland to Hillsboro and Forest Grove; to Salem, Albany and Eugene—and from these points to others.

Fifth, development of mines, not only of gold but of coal, and other minerals, of which there is a great variety in Oregon...

Sixth, irrigation and water rights. These comprise in themselves a very large and pregnant subject, and in regard to the latter at least, the next legislature has important work to do.

There are other plans and projects and needs to be helped along, and made realities—a railroad through central Oregon, a railroad over to Coos bay, closer water communication and commercial relations with coast points...

The new era is born, but an infant must be nourished. We must not abandon this one to be kept punily alive in an incubator.

A DEMONSTRATION OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

THE REPUBLICAN national platform is remarkable for its silence upon several important topics and especially noteworthy is its utter omission to give any pledges of economy in the administration of public affairs.

The total congressional appropriations during President Roosevelt's administration amount to \$2,449,233,645. This is over \$500,000,000 in excess of the appropriations during McKinley's administration and over \$1,100,000,000 more than the total during Cleveland's second term.

Of course the obvious defense is that the necessary and inevitable expenses of the government have been greatly increased of late years, both by territorial acquisitions and by growing population. But the defense is not adequate.

If this ratio of increase in national expenditures is to continue, as it doubtless will in the event of Roosevelt's

re-election, for his party is untrammelled by pledges of economy, the total expense of his second administration will be not far from \$3,000,000,000, or \$37.50 for every man, woman and child in the country.

It is undeniable that the revenues of the government have been expended with a wasteful prodigality. The cost of administration is already far in excess of what it should be, and apparently it is destined to reach still higher figures.

THE PORTAGE ROAD APPROVED.

THE RESOLUTIONS approving the portage road adopted by the State league today are so clean cut and direct in their terms that no one can misunderstand them.

It is now realized that while the permanent and lasting benefit will come from the canal which the government proposes to build at the dalles to Celilo the work of construction will be so prolonged that many years may elapse before the intended good will be realized.

Before the convention adjourns ways and means should be found to continue the work along definite and systematic lines so that the project, from lack of close personal attention, may not go by default.

A LIVE ISSUE IN WASHINGTON.

THE WASHINGTON state Democrats, with George Turner at the head of their ticket, and an admittedly weak corporation candidate as his opponent, are quite likely to carry the state next fall.

There is but one issue in the campaign this year in Washington, aside from the personality of the candidates, and this is presented in the following plank of the Democratic platform:

We believe that the paramount and all important issue in this campaign is the question of whether the people shall regulate the corporations or the corporations dominate the state.

Every since Washington became a state the railroads have absolutely dominated the Republican party, in its conventions, in its legislatures, in its county governments, and sometimes in the courts.

It will be an interesting struggle to observe, to see which is stronger, the allied corporations, or all the rest of the people, whom the corporations cannot control.

A CONVERT THAT NEEDED NO CONVERSION.

MUCH IS BEING MADE by the Republican press of the Chicago Chronicle's alleged conversion to the cause of Republicanism.

The Theodore Roosevelt cigar, which were handed out by the Democratic nominee to his Democratic friends in Esopus as genuine Democratic campaign gifts.

Small Change

Develop. Pull together. For a greater Oregon. Cut up the big tracts of land.

The small farms pay best, if near a town. Arbitration is admirable—at a distance.

Lawlessness of strikers has lost them public sympathy. "Dogdays" are not many in Portland, though dogs are.

Carry the enthusiasm home with you, and keep it warm. Port Arthur seems to be taking a vacation for a few days.

Now will you let the barbers talk without talking back, except pleasantly? Mr. Carnegie, if you are thinking of heroes, behold our president, how silent he is.

Tom Taggart began his career as a waiter, and it is supposed got his start on tips. As between Parker and Tammany, which is Mohammed and which the mountain?

President Roosevelt says his party does things. Yes, and sometimes it should not do. It looks as if Kuropatkin's streak of luck, or success from other cause, was never coming.

Fairview and Troutdale also want a trolley line, and will have it before very long, no doubt. Campaign orators should be careful this year not to be silver-tongued. They must be gold-tongued.

If Kuroki turns Kuropatkin's flanks many more times he won't have any flanks left worth turning. Emperor William's self-restraint these days is wonderful, inducing credence in the rumors that he is not well.

If Mr. Davis is not going to be married, he will have all the more money to spare for the campaign fund. A short time in the cold waters of this region, either sea or river, is enough. A long bath is injurious.

It is reported that Judge Parker is against Mormonism. Perhaps polygamy, rather than Mormonism, was meant. Now the barbers—some of them are happy again, and all the more so because they have a smile on Judge George's.

From now on tabulated lists of Republican, Democratic and doubtful states will become more frequent, but will change nobody's opinion or vote. General Grosvenor predicts a great Republican victory. He would do the same if the Republicans had not "a ghost of a show."

If the O. R. & N. will build needed branch railroads, one of which it has decided to do, very well; if not, the farmers will build them. And the river will be opened up as a freight regulator, too.

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August 3.—This morning the Indians, with their six chiefs, were all assembled under an awning formed with the main wall, in the presence of all our party...



Salem is to suffer a carnival next week. A banking company has been organized at Bend. Myrtle Creek is to have a new water works system.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 3.—Under the auspices of the local and state historical societies suitable exercises were held today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first conference with Indians ever held west of the Missouri river.

The Ringling circus will show in eastern Oregon this year only at Baker City, jumping from there to Walla Walla, La Grande and Pendleton, for a few days, but can get along quite well without the Ringling show.

The Heppner Gazette is of the opinion that Morrow county will this year export more wheat per capita than any other county in the state.

Two thousand dollars each has been offered for 250 acre tracts of timberland, mostly owned by Albany people, in northern Lake and Klamath and southern Crook counties.

While she walked over the smooth floor of a room in her home, Mrs. William Grant, aged 78, living on Alsea river, fell and broke her hip.

Lakeview Examiner: Western Oregon is in a rage, and may call out the militia, and a terrible uproar is expected, all because 1,700 eastern Oregon sheep have appeared on the west side of the Cascade mountains.

A Corvallis boy 20 months old had pockets in his apron and matches in his pants, and a report to the proper authorities: "Baby burning his fingers, but she did not heed until she heard him choking, when she ran and smothered the flames, which injured the child badly." Moral: Mothers are not good playthings for babies.

Union settlement correspondence of Aurora Borealis: Edward Smith, Jr., was out at the picnic Sunday. That looks good, Ed. Don't let them bluff you. Henry Osterholz and his girl of Needy were seen at the picnic Sunday.

The present railroad survey in the vicinity of Fort Orchard will, in all probability, connect with the survey heretofore made from Humboldt north to Chetco, in southern Curry. This will make a complete coast line survey from the Southern Pacific to the Oregon coast, in Douglas county, to San Francisco.

Herman Breyer, called Bismarck, a Corvallis mxtologist, was paying attention to Lily Firestein, but presumably matrimonial intent, but they had a row. Bismarck later went to the Firestein residence by appointment to talk over the matter with Peter Firestein, but was told paterfamilias was not at home.

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How can war and this fair be on the same plane? This question cannot be answered in our present knowledge. Or, why will not the good people of the world rise and end the war? Within the historic period of man's career on earth no such sharp contrast has been displayed as that between the war in the east and the blessed, peaceful vision in the west.

Influence on unborn children, the awfulness of these life pictures cannot be overdrawn. All women in that audience about to become mothers were in the mental process of converting their offspring into fighting units.

Now look at the magnificent display in St. Louis. The contrast between the world's exposition of progress in the Louisiana purchase exposition and the war is striking in the extreme.

The mystery of war is one of the inexplicable things in nature, and it is useless to inquire why fighting exists. In fact, it is no use to make inquiry into the cause of anything in existence.

As large as the visible universe may be, everything is seen to be ruled by vast laws—except man. The writer, in many years of research, was unable to detect a trace of law ruling human beings, whether singly or collected into nations.

From the Baltimore Sun. The following letter, recently turned over to Marshal Farnam by Turnbull Murdoch, general freight and passenger agent of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic railway, was received by Mr. Murdoch in the mail. The letter explains itself:

From the Baltimore Sun. "Dear Sir—On the 16th of January you wrote that you had Baltimore run over my bull about two miles from this place he was in my pasture you ort to see him your trans took a piece of hide outen him at lest a fut square I don't believe he is ever again to be any more good so I wish you would tel the president he is ded to he is as good as ded sence he was hit by your trans I want \$0 dollars for him be sure and report him ded he was a red bull but he stands round now looking very blu very respectful

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