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A MUCH RIDDLED MERGER FAKE.

GREEN WITH ENVY because The Journal was able to make the first announcement of the proposed consolidation of the Portland Street Railway company...

Lawson tells how the Rockefellers and Henry H. Rogers bought the Anaconda, Parrot, Butte and other mines of Marcus Daly and his associates for a total of \$24,000,000...

The Wall-street "correspondent" of the Evening Fake is apparently not aware of the fact that Mr. A. M. White, whom it flourishes as the head and front of the Franklin Trust company...

WHERE CROP FAILURES ARE UNKNOWN.

THE EXTRAORDINARY advances in wheat prices upon the Chicago board of trade seem to give ample confirmation to the reports of widespread damage to the crop...

PROPOSED LINEN MANUFACTORIES.

PREPARATIONS are being made, it has been reported, for the establishment in the near future of four linen mills, in different Willamette valley towns...

A COURAGE THAT WAS TESTED.

REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPERS which profess to find in Judge Parker's utterances no definite expression of his views upon some of the issues of the campaign will do well to seek some stronger accusation...

STORY OF A BIG ROBBERY.

THE ARTICLES entitled "Frenzied Finance," written by the big speculator, Thomas W. Lawson, and being published in Everybody's Magazine...

THE APOLYPTIC.

Think me not unkind and rude. That I walk alone in grove and glen; I go to the God of the wood To fetch His word to men.

A STUDY IN STYLE.

Parker's Speech as Compared With the Manner of Cleveland. From the Indianapolis News. We have spoken elsewhere of the quality of the speech of Judge Parker...

THE APOLYPTIC.

James G. Blaine, in his "Twenty Years of Congress," has this to say of the Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, Judge Parker's running mate: "Henry G. Davis, a native of Maryland, entered as the first Democratic senator from West Virginia..."

Small Change

But does Wall Street run this country, anyway? The man who can't get a watermelon every day or two is out of luck. Carrie Nation has a notion that she could make that saloon modeler. The Turk is a good promiser. He must have been to get so many women.

PARKER THE MAN--BOUTWELL

James Creelman's Grotto, Mass., Special in the New York World. "Some of us who helped to organize the Republican party and many who have supported it since, look now to Judge Parker as the hope of the country," said George S. Boutwell.

THE CHEAP TRACKLESS TROLLEY

From the Western Electrician. As regards the question of cost of trackless trolley roads, the figures furnished by the Berlin General Electric company in its operation of the Halda road are as follows: The cost of a trackless trolley road capable of holding 22 persons used about the same electric current as an ordinary streetcar having room for 28 persons.

DECLINE IN ENGLISH FARMS.

(From United States Consul Mahin, Nottingham, England.) The excessive importation of food products from foreign countries is charged with direct responsibility for a great decrease in the value of farm lands in this county. Recent investigations of values of agricultural lands in Lincolnshire disclose an extraordinary decline in value.

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Oregon Sidelights

Irigoien says it has "nary a skeeter." Take an umbrella when you go hop picking. Crops are above the average in Grant county. Irigoien has a shipyard—a rowboat was launched.

Oregon is a great state for either work or play. An initial kiln of 240,000 bricks has been burned at Lakeview. Good sign.

Mr. Quirk of Lampa creek bed 60 tons of hay last week, doing quick work.

How would you like to be the Bend Bulletin man—32 fat "notices for publication"?

Alabama warblers are warbling hard-earned dollars out of the people of Southwestern Oregon.

James Wandling is again in our midst.—Sunnyside correspondence of Long Creek Ranger. We hope he will digest well.

Two brothers in Umatilla county will sow 2,100 acres of wheat this fall. Ten years ago they were working for \$2 a day or less.

A new professor at the Oregon Agricultural college is named Tartar. He is expected to prove a tartar to mischievous youth.

The newest newspaper in Oregon at this writing is the Monument, Grant County, Enterprise. It is better than some older ones, and already has two timber land notices.

Lakeview Herald: That this country will grow almost any kind of fruit has been shown by the quantity and quality brought into town this season.

Lakeview Herald: A new telephone line is being built from Klamath Falls toward Lakeview. The line has already been completed up to a point six miles this side of Bonanza.

In Josephine county a man has an orchard of ten acres of apples that yields him a lot of money each year; in this writing he takes out at least a kiln of good bench his orchard and when he gets of apples and gold he amuses himself with catching salmon from a stream with which he irrigates his orchard and washes his gold. Great country, this.

Albany is not yet represented in the Oregon Development League. The Alco club should get in at once. It costs only \$5, which insures several hundred dollars worth of free advertising. Action should be taken at once.—Albany Democrat. We should say so. What is the matter with Albany? But if it insists on sleeping all right. It may then not even ever find out how the rest of the state is developing.

WEST VIRGINIA'S INFLUENCE. From the Chicago Journal.

The nomination of the first West Virginia man on the national ticket of one of the great parties calls to notice the unusual position which West Virginia holds in the politics of the border states, of which she is the one casting the swing east electoral vote.

The politics of West Virginia is largely regulated by those born elsewhere. Both of its United States senators, Elkins and Scott, are natives of Ohio. Senator Davis, a Marylander, Congressmen Wilson, author of the Wilson bill, and Democratic leader in congress when the Democratic party controlled it, was a native of Virginia.

There were by the last census 60,000 natives of Virginia, 40,000 of Ohio, 25,000 of Pennsylvania, 10,000 natives of Maryland and 3,000 New Yorkers resident in West Virginia. It is the newcomers rather than the old residents who may be said to control its politics.

West Virginia is a state entirely without political traditions, and the influence of Ohio has been extensive in shaping its political course since it ceased to be, as it was for many years, an agricultural state. The political influence of the railroads in West Virginia is extensive.

OREGON PEOPLE AT PLAY.

From the Corvallis Gazette. The rush to the coast and mountains continues, and more people are going to Newport and the Cascades than ever before. Up to Wednesday of last week over 125 tents have been in the baggage cars of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad from this city to Newport for people who will camp at the seaside for the season, and the rush seemed at that time to be fairly beginning.

GOT MAD AND LIVED.

From the Washington Post. "There is nothing like a candid friend," said an old army officer the other day. "When I was young I found such a one in Major Blank. The bottom dropped out of things for me one time and I vowed in my despair to commit suicide. The major asked me what was up. 'I'm going to blow my brains out,' I said. 'Can you hit the ace of spades at ten yards?' asked the major.

"Better practice, my boy," said the major. "Better practice, if you're set on hitting the brain. Why didn't you decide to fire at a vital spot?"