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THE RAILROAD PROBLEM IN ITS LOCAL ASPECT.

EVERY MOVE on the great transcontinental railway chessboard, every plan of consolidation and concentration of such interests, means a long step nearer to the nationalization of such projects.

But that milk is spilled. Today not a man in Oregon is the real owner of a share of stock in the O. R. & N. or any other great road in the state.

The ownership being vested and the policy absolutely controlled from New York with a prudent and wary eye on Berlin and London, it follows that no matter how necessary from a local point of view a certain improvement may be the very best the local representatives of the roads can do is to recommend.

All of this must necessarily lead to the conclusion that if our best interests are thus to be sacrificed to the exigencies of the railroad combinations there remains nothing for us to do but to protect ourselves as best we can.

EITHER FAULT OR BLUNDER.

AVOID EVEN THE APPEARANCE of evil. This old adage should be remembered and practiced by a president of the United States.

It is said that President Roosevelt is smarting under the criticisms of Democrats of his appointment of his secretary of labor and commerce as campaign manager and fat-fryer in chief.

The criticism of Judge Parker by the New York World, and others, of Cortelyou's selection are reasonable and just. If the insinuations are baseless, the president has no right to complain of them, for he should have foreseen them, and avoided even the appearance of evil.

His appointment of Cortelyou—for the president is the whole thing, the committee nothing—was a blunder, unless the reason was what the Democrats suggest. No amount of roaring protestation will change this fact.

Everybody knows that the chief business, practically the sole business, of a chairman of a national committee, is to fry fat, to get all the money possible out of everybody possible, but especially out of trusts and corporations that in recompense are allowed to dictate laws and largely run the government.

THAT QUEER BALTIC FLEET.

THE BALTIC FLEET, like Spain's Cadiz squadron in the war with America, has served the sole purpose of making a tremendous fuss. It lingered in dread until Russia's oriental fleet was ruined.

Russia is playing a serious farce. Late dispatches indicate Britain's willingness to assume the summary stewardship of peace by effacing the Baltic squadron from the map.

There are other than North sea points pointing to Russia's longing for peace, and if Shakhie is resumed again soon, the situation may become a crisis.

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ASSESSMENT AND VALUATIONS.

THE ASSESSMENT of Multnomah county shows a valuation of nearly \$5,000,000 more than last year's, which is not very much in excess of the actual gain.

The city comprises most of the county, in respect of taxable property. If the property of the city were valued and assessed at \$100,000,000, it is reasonably and logically feared that the rate of taxation would not decrease in proportion, as it should.

Some of the increase, it should be remembered, is due to the repeal of the \$300 exemption law. The poorest household, the man working for \$10 or \$12 a week, must now pay taxes on his little stock of household goods.

CABINET MEMBERS CAMPAIGNING.

IT SHOULD NOT be considered censorious to criticize the administration for the political activity of members of the cabinet. All of them are out more or less, mostly morn, making speeches and pulling all they can for the president.

Members of a cabinet are not mere hired men of a president, nor his private secretaries or personal servants. They are public servants, notwithstanding the president is allowed to choose them. They are paid by the public, not by the president. Their business is to serve the public rather than the president or his party.

Small Change

What a great Russian victory it was!

Fairbanks couldn't show the Minkos. Oh, well, it is possible to play football in dust.

The Russian naval commanders seem to be Jap-crazy. Why are some politicians like floating sawlogs in a stream?

No nation wants that fool Russian fleet in any of its ports. Too much fog, perhaps in sympathy with high tariff propositions.

Young men coaches of basketball teams have a dangerous position. Grosvenor could figure the expenses of imperialism down to thirty cents.

The wonder is that Uncle Charley Grosvenor finds two states doubtful. Rojevstevsky! Some allowance is to be made for a man with such a name.

Assurance of the inside Inn is a reliable and a big point gained. It will be needed. In some states the election is becoming nearly as much interest as football.

Most lawyers are also farmers—Albany Democrat. And nearly all farmers are lawyers. William Allen White and Alfred Henry Lewis are among the Republicans' hired men writers.

With a big secretary carrying a big (soft) stick in their midst, will the Panamanians be good? Help the Republican rally.—Salem Journal. Is the Republican party in need of "help" in Oregon?

Fairbanks is speaking in Missouri. Of course if he had a vote there he would cast it against Folk. From the way they abuse Turner over in Washington, because he has been his own man, they must be afraid of his election.

Only some knooker or uninformed person started the story that the Lewis and Clark fair would be postponed. It will occur in 1918.

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Don't suppose you can escape death or maiming by walking or driving, instead of riding on a railroad train; the automobiles are loose and lively on the roads.

If elected, Mr. Parker, will you revoke the Panama canal—Chicago Tribune. He might at least make some mighty inquiries about the queer manipulations of the affair.

It is said the gas wells of Indiana reduced their flow by one half during the week of Bryan's whirlwind campaign.—Salem Statesman. Republican trust-heated wells?

Police men not only should not be allowed to get drunk; they should not be allowed under any circumstances to drink anything intoxicating. We have had entirely too many drinking policemen.

The compliment paid to T. E. Wilcox in electing him president of the trans-Mississippi congress was one well merited. Mr. Wilcox has probably done more than any other one man to build up trans-Mississippi, or rather trans-Mississippi, commerce with the orient, and he will effectively aid, as few other men could, the good work of the congress.

Oregon Sidelights

Condon is to have a Development league. Farmers doing much plowing and seeding. Myrtle Creek's Development club is growing.

Prairie City is to have a bank, also electric lights. Nearly all Corvallis people talk football, baseball and basketball.

Eight grading crews are at work on the new Arlington-Condon branch. Dehorned cattle bring 10 cents more per 100 pounds in Umatilla county than horned cattle.

The Coquille City packing-house has an order which will fill for 60 tons of fish for the German market. Folk county claims to lead in hops, timber, fruit and blooded stock. But some other Oregon counties might dispute some of these claims.

Tom Vaughn, who died at Sumpter last week, was the last of the old western stage drivers, having followed that occupation for over 35 years and encountered many strenuous experiences.

A Folk county man says he has 400 bushels of apples that he will let rot on the ground, unless people want to take them away. It is safe to say that he is not a model fruit grower.

The Calapoopa dam is about completed, when work will commence on the big ditch, and soon, says the Oakland Owl, the waters of the Calapoopa, idle for centuries, will be harnessed and pressed into service for the use of both man and beast.

The North Powder paper calls its city marshal a poltroon for not arresting a lot of disorderly people who terrorized the town, wounding one citizen with a rifle-shot and frightening many. But the marshal may have considered discretion the better part of valor.

Tillamook Independent: The question of local option in this county doesn't seem to be worrying anybody much. Those who want to see it prevail from principle are very few, those who don't care a snap either way are quite numerous, and those who don't want it at all are the next largest number.

A Douglas county young man has herded over 100 turkeys for over three months, taking them from one to three miles, and has not lost a turkey. In addition to this he is studying algebra and has made excellent progress, considering that he is his own teacher. He has lately received another eighth-grade diploma, averaging 85 per cent. A young man who thus combined turkey-herding and mathematics is pretty sure to succeed.

Editor Rader and the Oregonian

From the Pacific Christian Advocate. One of the first things said to this editor after he took up his duties in the office, in speaking of some severe criticisms of the Oregonian in the Methodist preachers' meeting was, "You will have to be careful never to write anything that will be objectionable to the Oregonian, as it is the most powerful influence in the state, and is thoroughly intolerant. These preachers did not realize what they were doing."

This was uttered by one who was supposed to be a layman, and he was saying that the editor did not know enough to be terrified, nor does he know enough yet. He has not been accustomed to receiving orders from daily or any other papers.

He has been making his orders from his own convictions, to his duty, and believes in the principles of the standards of his church, as they interpret the word of God, and he has no thought of changing because of the roar of his critics, though he reads no so loudly.

The secret of this attack is that the editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate has had the hardihood to oppose the position of this autocrat on local option and other moral issues. Especially was this done in the issue of this paper for August 17.

This was not done by accident, nor without careful deliberation as to the consequences. But after the most thorough and careful study of the matter, he concluded that while this Oregonian is a great news-gatherer, and a purveyor to the public demands, and is considered fair to all who come to write for it, in presenting every side of every case that may be of current discussion, still it is in every essential in its editorial influence, agnostic, and hence unwholesome and deadly.

George Ade's great comedy drama, "The County Chairman," which is to be offered by Henry W. Savage at the Marquam Grand theatre next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, November 4, 5 and 6, is a masterpiece of the art of dramatic writing, and is a very elaborate one. Seats are now selling.

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"Home and Juliet" is nearing the end of its successful run at the Columbia theatre. The piece is beautifully staged, and has attracted large and cultured audiences all week. The tragedy will be presented tonight, and tomorrow afternoon and night. The matinee is entirely sold out.

Beginning with the Sunday matinee the Columbia theatre stock company will present the favorite work of Augustus Thomas, "In Missouri," in which the well known characters of Jim Radburn and "Lisbeth" will be re-enacted, respectively, by Edger Baums and Catherine Counsell. Fred Emelton will make his debut with the company in "In Missouri," playing Vernon, the blacksmith.

"ORANGE FRANK'S" TORCHES. The lightning will flash, the storm parent will drive the helpless girl into the storm, the crackmen will blow open the vault, the blinding snow will fall upon the unprotected head of the under the weight of the great city, the cattle will come lowing home-ward in the farmyard scene, and happy Nettie De Coursey will sing and dance her way into the hearts of the audience at Corvallis tonight, and tomorrow night. There will be three more performances, to-night and tomorrow matinee and night.

AT THE STAR. Dancing a cakewalk on a slack wire is one of the difficult and graceful feats performed by the two girls of the Alpine trio this week at the Star, and their act almost takes one's breath away, it is so daring. The trio is composed of one man and two girls, and in the way of the act, they are superb. One girl performer turns somersaults on the wire, and leaps over a chair and table, but manages to retain her balance. The act is one of the best seen here this season.

COMING TO COORDATE. For the coming week at Corvallis the attraction will be Theodore Kremer's wonderfully successful melodrama, "The Fatal Wedding," produced with every detail of the way of the act, they are superb. One girl performer turns somersaults on the wire, and leaps over a chair and table, but manages to retain her balance. The act is one of the best seen here this season.

FRIDAY IS GOLD NIGHT AT LYRIC. There are three \$5 gold pieces waiting at the Lyric for the holders of lucky coupons that will be issued tonight. "Gold Night" has become a popular one for the Lyric. In addition to running a good chance of getting \$5, one sees a cracker-jack bill. The Lyric has one this week that can compete with the best.

IF THE BAKER. "The greatest ever." This is the verdict that comes from the lips of those who have attended the Baker this week. A bill equaling that shown at the Baker this week has never gotten this far west. It represents the cream of vaudeville offerings and is undeniably head and shoulders above any bill ever offered in Portland.

AT THE ARCADE. Tonight is amateur night at the Arcade theatre, and a number of talented amateurs will be permitted by the management to appear on the stage and demonstrate to the public what they can do in the way of entertaining. These amateur nights always prove amusing and the show tonight will be no exception to the rule.

THE SINGING TONIGHT. This evening at 9 o'clock a gold watch will be given away at the Bijou. A watch coupon has gone with every matinee ticket. The watch goes to the person in the house holding the right coupon, or the number nearest to it. The big show at the Bijou this week make great odd hour amusement.

ON TRIAL FOR THEFT. George Marshall was arraigned this morning in the municipal court on a charge of larceny. J. R. Fordyce being the complaining witness. The case was continued until tomorrow. Marshall is accused of entering the apartments of the Fordyces at the Norton while they were at lunch yesterday and of stealing jewelry valued at about \$200.

OUTRAGED. From Town and Country. "Bridget, you must be more careful with your dusting. I declare I could write my name upon the piano." "Doesn't matter, it's yourself has the dust on your hands!"

AT THE THEATRES

"Glistening Gloria" will be offered at the Marquam Grand theatre tonight and tomorrow afternoon, when a splendid cast will be seen in this newest of English comedies. It comes here with the approval of the audience, and will be presented at the Wyndham's theatre, London, where it was first presented, and Daly's theatre, New York, where it was played later. The lines of the piece are all clever and the treatment of the theme is highly original.

The production will be staged in a sumptuous manner. Messrs. Fisher and Ryley will no doubt sustain the high reputation they have already gained in this city in giving us such well known pieces as "The Silver Slipper" and "San Toy." Miss Isadora Bush is the star. She will well remember for her clever work in former attractions.

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AGENTS TO JAPAN

RECENT PRIVATE advices to the milling interests of the North Pacific coast from Japan tell of the probability of a heavy demand for flour from the Japanese government, as well as from private firms of that empire.

It is known to a certainty that the stock of flour in Japan and China is running very low, and had it not been for the fact that the flour of those countries have all along been believed that the markets here would go lower they would have been buying heavy supplies before the time.

Some of those who had advance notice of the shortage of flour sent their representatives on the last steamer to sail for the orient, but on the next sailing the price of flour on the coast of those mills will have a man piece on board.

During the last week or so Japanese merchants have been nibbling at flour, and several cargoes have been made in from 5,000 to 10,000 sack lots.

The supply of flour in this city, according to the millers, is not very large, and similar reports are received from the millers' representatives in the orient have been instructed to sell no flour to the government on the present market price without calling home office.

This is looked upon as indicating that the Japanese government will be forced to pay dear for its procrastination in buying.

If the published figures of the private reports are correct, and that of the United States government count for anything, there is going to be a shortage in the stock of flour all over the United States before the season is over. Export branches of flour are quoted in this market at present from \$3.40 to \$3.75 a barrel, but no offers at the former figure are now accepted by the mills on account of the higher cost of wheat.

Some of the millers are talking of boosting their export quotations before long up to \$4 a barrel, and the local prices up proportionately.

HUNTER SHOTS AND KILLS HIS FRIEND

Mistaken for a deer by a fellow hunter, Stanley Gulon Shipman, well known in this city, was shot in the back yesterday evening and died yesterday. He was deer hunting with a party of friends in the Adirondack mountains, New York, and hearing a rustle in the bushes went forward; a bullet struck him in the back, but not seeing Shipman, fired, the rifle ball striking the young man in the back square between the shoulders.

Rushing forward to beg what he supposed was his game, the hunter was horrified to see the body of his companion. Everything that was possible was done for the wounded man, but he died without regaining consciousness. His remains will be buried in New York City.

Shipman was a graduate of the Harvard law school, class of 1902. During his Harvard days he spent his vacations with relatives in this city and is well known among local clubs and society. Last summer, in company with Judge Stapleton of this city, he made a tour of Scotland.