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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND THE REAL STORY OF IT.

THE ESTEEMED Oregonian is now industriously engaged in an "I-told-you-so" demonstration that perceptibly falls short. It is twitting the voters of Oregon for voting for prohibition under the misapprehension that they were voting for local option, contrary to its advice, and its reiterated solemn warnings. Now you must see, it says in effect, how much more competent we are to judge such matters than you, how much better we can foresee effects from causes and how wiser it would be to leave all such things to US who have had experience, rather than to follow off after false gods and land in the quagmires. In its anxiety to make this perfectly plain it has unwittingly thrown off all disguise, and makes clear that it frankly stands for a wide-open town, without pretense of regulation.

TOMORROW'S ELECTION.

IF THE CHAIRMEN of the national committees told what they really knew and felt one might have more confidence in the figures which they send forth with such blare of trumpets. If it was known that they really knew what they were saying, and that they were saying what they really knew, things would be on a much more substantial basis for their claim to public confidence. But no one expects the chairman of a political committee to confess in advance his defeat. If there is nothing else to it than the chapter of accidents and the possibility of what we call a landslide, which is simply a general change of sentiment which has been going on deep down for a long time but which has escaped the notice of the politicians, he would be a very unwise, and might be accounted a cowardly leader, who would give up until he was beaten into the last ditch. Therefore it is that these estimates are not always based upon the best information and judgment of those who issue them. They invariably claim more than the man who makes them thinks he will get, often very much more. But he knows that in the great outside world there are many who will be influenced by what he claims, whose backbones may be stiffened by stout claims of victory, and who may be so stimulated in their courage that a threatened defeat might be turned into victory. Nevertheless it has come to pass that men who have gone through a number of campaigns are not inclined to place too much faith in the estimates sent forth from the headquarters of any political party.

A WIZARD OF THE SEA.

From the New York American. Great is the mysticism of the forecastle of the Chin boats, wondrous the tales of magic and devil-fishing. Greater than all, the power of the forecastle, who pretends to the dark ways of sorcery. So it is that Pali Chico is master of the iron freighter Bedouin, a cargo boat from Shanghai, and a cargo boat from Hongkong. And Pali Chico, despite this eminence, despite this undisputed sway, arrogates to himself no other title than that of dynamo tender; but he who controls the complacent purr and the mighty whirr of the strange machine controls also the hearts and commands the low obeisance of the swarthy, steaming Laacar and the silt-eyed Malay who swab the decks and shovel the coal. For these, not Captain McDonald nor his officers command the ship. It is only because Pali Chico wills otherwise that they awakened not at all any morning of the nine months. Down in the grassy depth of the engine room in black solitude, Pali Chico sits, so it is that Captain McDonald breathes, yet all night when the black seas were lapping hungrily about the bow of the ship, he and all of his officials might have gone by the board. For 23 dirty, oily, smiling Laacars stand ready to do the bidding of the terrible magician crooning incantations while his devil charge, the dynamo, whirrs and frets furiously under his beady black eyes, all day and all night. Surely it is well to serve a man whose magic is so strong that he need not sleep and can starve, therefore, double

plains which, whatever else may be said of them, stirred the people of the country as they have rarely been stirred in its history. Guesses are now futile; tomorrow will tell the story. Figures have been given from the standpoint of all the parties directly interested. The chairmen of the national committees have spoken, so have the lightning calculators and the newspapers. Among them all most people have pretty clearly made up their minds as to what will be the outcome. Yet, while on the surface the advantage seems to be somewhat with the administration, there is always the possibility of a landslide, though unfortunately the landslide is quite as likely to be in one direction as another. But whatever the outcome it will soon be known. Those who stay up reasonably late tomorrow night and watch The Journal's bulletin board may go home filled with the information which they now industriously seek.

OPPOSITE TYPES OF MEN.

THE PRESIDENT'S violent rather than vigorous letter denouncing Judge Parker's statements as falsehoods, and "falsehoods" with adjectives prefixed, and Judge Parker's reply Saturday evening, display with significant clearness the opposite temperaments of the two men—one impulsive, choleric, ebullient, rash; the other calm, quiet, self-poised, judicial. Parker evidently has the judicial temperament in an eminent degree, which has been developed by his long service on the bench; while Roosevelt is totally lacking in this temperament. Judge Parker did not respond hotly, "you're another," as he might when the president had said that Parker had discussed no issues; he did not even ridicule the president, as he might have done for assuming to know and vouch that everybody under him is as honest and scrupulous as he declares himself to be; Judge Parker said nothing in anger nor even, after having been practically called a liar several times by the president, in warmth. He simply restated the substance of what he had said that the president declared to be "falsehoods," and reasserted the truth of his former statements, and gave his reasons for drawing the conclusions from them that he did. He then went farther and showed that it had taken the president a good while to become angry, until just before the election, when no more contributions from the trusts were to be obtained. Perhaps this inference is also an "atrocious falsehood," but the judge's conscience probably makes no accusation against him for drawing the inference that he did—and after all Judge Parker's conscience may be in as good working order and in as comfortable a condition as that of some more strenuous men. But however this incident may be viewed—and people generally will defend their party candidate, at least at present—some good results may follow this discussion as to trust funds being employed for the manufacture of "merchandise ballots." The talk about trusts controlling elections, and congress, by the use of money or other means as reprehensible, will not end with this campaign. It will go on, and after awhile the talk will bring about some kind of action. Judge Parker has done the country some service by thus bringing this evil into view, and calling the country's attention to it as he has done.

A GOOD DEMOCRATIC SPEECH.

SOME DEMOCRATS are astonished at Sheriff Tom Word. They don't understand him at all. Being called on in a Democratic meeting to make a speech, he responded in a novel way. He did not tell the brethren that he was quite confident that Parker would be elected, nor that the Democrats would carry Oregon next time, even if they could not now. He did not bewail Republican sins, nor extol the virtues of Democrats. He talked somewhat about himself, which may seem in bad taste, unless one considers the circumstances, but he had to talk about himself and what he is doing in order to make the Democratic speech he had to make and, aside from his personality, it was a good Democratic speech, and ought to be a good Republican speech too. It amounted to this: Before I am a Democrat or a partisan or a politician, I am a public official, sworn to observe and enforce the laws. The law requires me to perform certain duties, among them being the suppression of certain crimes. I did not make the law, but there it is, and I remember my oath of office, whether others in office do or not. My duty is clear, and I am not going to shift it on any one else, or dodge it in the least, even if half the Democrats who voted for me expected that I would do so and are astonished that I am not doing so. I don't say one thing to one, and another thing to another, nor one thing at one time and another thing at another time, nor say one thing and do another thing. I said I would close gambling, because it is a crime under the law, and one which it is made my special duty to suppress, and I am going to do everything in my power to suppress this crime, even if those who should stand by me flunk at a critical time. The sheriff did not use just this language; perhaps his was better; we were not there to hear; but this expresses the substance of it, and it was a good speech, and one resembling it would be a mighty good one for a lot of Republican office holders to make.

FOR FEEDING AND KILLING PEOPLE.

William Jennings Bryan. We spent enough on the army and navy last year to make the total appropriation for both departments more than \$200,000,000. That is 80 times as much as we spent on the agricultural department. What do you think of a great agricultural nation spending \$20 million more to kill people for every dollar spent preparing to feed people? From the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Upmore—You found a house to suit you at last, did you? Mrs. Upmore—Yes, I found one yesterday morning, and I amused myself the rest of the day by going around among the real estate agents and asking them if they had an eligible flat to rent to a family with 15 children. You don't know how much fun it was to watch them go into ecstasies.

Small Change

Next June it will be different. There are signs of some weather. It is supposed to be dry tomorrow. Less money than usual will be lost. Don't vote but once, even for Roosevelt. Perhaps Mrs. Woodcock is walking home. Generally speaking, it will pass off quietly. Do you want to prohibit and be prohibited? Stand-patters on wrong cannot always succeed. The tariff makes the turkey-raiser prosperous. They've got to saying "You're another" at last. "Through slaughter to an open grave" at Port Arthur. Silence gives consent, so it is supposed. Tibbles accepted. The Japanese have lost 400,000—if you add up the reports. The rallies are all over, except the rally at the polls. The prohibition candidate will swallow another defeat. At last the campaign ginger-barrel was opened up back east. Never give up the fight for a better city in every respect. There can be no official compromise with open violation of law. As to some election predictions, the campaign has not been sane. Let us not worry about local politics much till after the holidays. Important forecast: Oregon will go Republican by a large majority. New version: The president of the United States can do no wrong. If hope keep going up, people will have to quit putting beer down. Stossel may not save Port Arthur, but nobody can say that he didn't try. Now the country will have a rest from the partisan specchifying of Fairbanks and the rest. If "Grands" Davis doesn't carry West Virginia, he will be sorry, on account of the expenses. Mr. Bryan may have several remarks to make about a sane campaign and a safe candidate. The commercial point of view is the only thing to consider, according to Chairman Baker. Vote according to the quiet suggestion of as clear a conscience as you are capable of possessing. A bet that Roosevelt will not be elected is a perfectly safe one. But be sure the "bet" is in the bet. Perhaps the president's head was sore when he received the bump when he wrote that remarkable denying document. Jim Jeffries is described as "a clever actor." Clever in getting an engagement on the strength of his muscles and his reputation therefrom?

Oregon Sidelights

Pendletonians have a bowling fever. Interesting railroad rumors at Drain. Moss growing on roofs again in Web-foot. Dances and revival meetings both popular. Newberg's three hotels all doing a big business. Many farms are being purchased in Morrow county. Crook county is one of the greatest stock counties in the world. Business houses in Silverton are considering the question of closing on Sundays. A Scio man got seven asses and crippled two others with one double-barreled shot. Goble is improving—new hotel, restaurant and barber-shop, and another saloon in prospect. A young daughter of a Sherman county stockman rides 12 miles and back to school every day. Hegger men cleared \$40 on a pumpkin pie dinner. But there were other things besides pumpkin pie. According to the Chinook Herald, which publishes no accompanying affidavit, a girl in that town, 22 inches high kicked a maidenly blush apple off the top of Sam Olsen's head. But perhaps Sam stomped a little to conquer. Various rural items in Silverton Appeal: M. G. Cooley spent Sunday at home. M. Palmer finished digging his potatoes. Scarcely any girls left in Scott's Mills. Matt Scherback shot a wild goose. Lewis Decker is working for Philip Fischer. Union Republican: There are thousands of tons of hay in the North Powder country, hunting buyers at 14 cents in the stack, and cash will probably get some of it at \$3.50 per ton. There is no stock in the country to feed this hay, and owners of hay are wondering what they will do with it. Astoria Budget: Twenty-five cargoes of lumber, aggregating 14,172,870 feet, cleared from the local custom house during the month of October, and all were for domestic ports. For the first time in several months not a single cargo went foreign. Four cargoes, aggregating 2,150,854 feet, were shipped by the Astoria mills. A La Grande man says: "I have this year harvested over 20 tons of alfalfa hay from three acres, or 3-3 tons per acre. From one acre of onions I harvested 40 sacks of 100 pounds each, or 4,000 pounds. A neighbor's carrot patch of two acres yielded 50 tons, or 25 tons per acre. We have just begun digging our potatoes, so cannot say what the yield will be. We have just dug one hill containing 110 potatoes, not counting the least ones."

Century of War

Kills 14,000,000. From the Chicago Tribune. Fourteen million men were killed in "civilized" warfare in those years of our Lord 1800 to 1900. One hundred and fifty billion dollars were required by the agony of war to crush these millions out of all semblance to the creator, in whose image they had been cunningly made. And considering these figures as the price of the future of the twentieth century, seeing in it no promise of a diminishing death roll and no lightening of the burdens of militarism for the next 100 years. With the figures, 140,000 men a year may be looked to the next century as a civilization's tribute to Mars. For the maintenance of standing armies, however, and for the conduct of the campaign that shall kill and that shall devastate and lay waste, multiplied billions of money will be necessary, almost beyond the meaning of clustering numerals. For, as modern war has become "sanitary" and "scientific," it also has become costly. The wars of the first Napoleon, with 10,000,000 lives; the Crimean with 300,000; the American civil war, 500,000; Prussia, with 800,000; between 1850 and 1871, the Russo-Turkish war with 1,000,000; the South American battlefields, 500,000; and among the colonizing nations of Europe all over the world a loss of 3,000,000 men. To this total, too, he add an unnumbered myriad who have gone down to death through its direct influence. To destroy these 14,000,000 men of a dozen nationalities and in the fighting characteristic of war by land and by sea, but the amount of the table has figured that it cost \$150,235,000,000. Some of the great battlefields of the past are named here in their order of date since the beginning of the nineteenth century: The Napoleonic fields of Marengo, Trafalgar, Austerlitz, Jena, Friedland, Leipzig, Ligny, and Waterloo are inseparably associated. In the war of the United States with Mexico, the battles of Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo and the City of Mexico. The Crimea has given to history the fields of Alma, Balaklava, Inkerman and Malakhoff. The civil war in the United States left upon the map some of the bloodiest battlefields of all history. There are Shiloh, the Seven Days' battles, the second Bull Run, Antietam, Murfreesboro, Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, and the campaign of the Virginia and the Atlanta campaigns. France and Prussia made memorials the fighting at Worth, Gravelotte, Sedan, Metz and Paris. The Russians and the Turks had Pruthi, Kars, and Kara. Majuba Hill long ago, and Spion Kop three years ago, made havoc for the English in South Africa. Port Arthur, Weihaiwei and Ningbo are memorable to the Chinese and Japanese who fought there 10 years ago. Manila, San Juan Hill, and Santiago have thrilled the American nation as they have brought mourning to the Spanish. And the war in the far east is raging to the glory, or to the savagery, of the new twentieth century. These total footings for war in the great nations of Europe are numbered as follows: Germany, 5,000,000 men; France, 3,500,000 men; Italy, 1,200,000 men; Russia, 3,200,000 men; Great Britain, 700,000 men; and Turkey, 750,000 men. THE DUTY OF WHEAT. From the Springfield Republican. The largest flouring mill at Minneapolis has been forced, by the customs duty, to cease to operate. It is now one of its mills placed under government supervision in order that it may retain its export trade in flour. The poor quality of home wheat this year has made necessary importations of a better grade from Canada for milling purposes. Flour manufactured from Canada wheat, which is sold in the United States, will simply have the duty added to it for payment by the consumer; but in the case of wheat exported to the United States, the duty becomes a serious handicap to the advantage of Canadian and British flouring mills. The duty cannot be recovered easily under the drawback law, which figures in high tariff schedules as such a crushing answer to the argument that the taxation of raw materials constitutes an obstacle to the development of our export trade; and so the mill in question, at considerable expense and bother, has placed its plant under government control, which will note the extent to which Canadian wheat is used in flour for export, and will permit a suspension of the customs duty accordingly. This is only one instance where an antiquated tariff arrangement is proving distinctly injurious to American industry and trade. It is difficult to understand why, when such cases are made clearly apparent, there should be no action on the part of the responsible for the existing tariff schedules, to recognize the need of revision and modification. The tariff on wheat in particular never had any good reason for its existence; it is as absurd and unprotective as would be a tariff on cotton, and at other times, as the present, it becomes a nuisance to trade and a tax upon bread for home consumers. It originally existed to protect a tariff law in order to deceive the farmer and make him think that he was a direct beneficiary of the protective system as well as the manufacturer, and it has held its place there ever since for similar purposes of deception. It is an insult to the agricultural intelligence of the country, and its repeal should be demanded for this reason if no other. Sometimes Done. From the Chicago Tribune. Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, in this article in the newspaper about saloons, there's a whole lot about "local option." What do you think of that? Mr. Chugwater—I think that if you don't like any locality where there are saloons you have the option of moving out of it. I should think you could tell from the words themselves. Delicate Shades of Green. From the Boston Herald. The colored barber of Pittsfield who has been used by a colored brother whom he refused to shave furnishes another reminder of the fact that there is considerable embarrassment about the enforcement of civil rights for the negro right here in Massachusetts and that the white folks are not the only or most frequent offenders. When the Kicks Come In. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Financing the big Louisiana purchase exposition was thought to be an enormous task, but the real trouble of the fair is just beginning to appear in the distribution of the medals and grand prizes.

China's Crafty

Empress. At least in the twilight of her crafty and eventful life of 70 years, the dowager empress of China, seems to be broadening, mentally and morally. She has come to hold a greater regard for higher civilization, especially as exemplified in England and America. While her nephew, the emperor, in childhood, her grandfather stood aside from the throne. The dowager empress, in reality, China's ruler—has decided that they shall be given a thorough English education. An Iowa girl, Miss Mary Reynolds, has been selected to be the present empress's tutor the princess during the next three years. She will sail shortly to begin her duties. Miss Reynolds was graduated last June from Carleton college, Minnesota. She had been a student at the same college when she was startled by an announcement that China had become a signatory of the Geneva convention, and that the dowager empress, who had much to do indirectly with bringing about the present situation, had been elected to the throne. 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