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REFORM WITHIN THE PARTY.

IN THE NEW Philadelphia, politically, that is arising out of the horrible mire of generations, there is an organization, mostly Republicans—almost everybody has been a Republican in Philadelphia for 40 years—hence it is the rottenest city under the sun...

And this is the plea they—the swindlers, the robbers, the thieves, the standpatters for apolls, sin, skulduggery and hoodlums—make to the elements of righteousness that are rising in their wrath in the old Quaker city.

Not but that there are tremendously potential reformatory forces within the Republican party. There are. But they are only nominally Republicans.

Verily, there may be reform "within the party," but not by standpatters and palaverers and sycophants and scoundrels. The old order of things in the Republican party is being smashed into smithereens.

PLEASURE YACHT—WHY NOT?

THIRTY MILES AN HOUR on the waters of the Willamette and Columbia was the pace set yesterday by the torpedo boat destroyer Perry which made a four-hour trip for the edification of the fair officials and a few of their friends and at the invitation of Admiral Goodrich.

There is now in this harbor a yacht which came here from California waters. Many have seen and admired it and most have expressed the same wonder that with the water advantages which we possess so comparatively little attention is given to private pleasure craft.

HIGHLY APPRECIATED VISITORS.

AMONG the most welcome visitors to Portland are the officers and men of the Boston, Chicago and Perry, forming part of the squadron under command of Admiral Goodrich.

THE PLAY

"Yes—that's it—he talked to her—and she listened!" Kleeschna cried out in his anguish. It had dawned upon him suddenly, terribly, that his daughter—his catnap—perhaps had reformed and deserted. One thing only could be worse—had she been taken? And in that burst of paternal passion it flashed upon the audience...

SMALL CHANGE

The ends of Wilhelm II's mustache have come down a little. A good many housewives think this is a bad year for putting up fruit.

The straw hat is all right now, but don't give the other one to the garbage man. We were afraid that Teddy would fall into the hands of the police when he took to autoing.

Will we have to send for that southern California fellow who can make it rain whenever he pleases? Perhaps Grover Cleveland was put on the Equitable board of directors to preserve the balance.

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BUILD A BIG SKYSCRAPER.

A FEW DAYS SINCE The Journal asserted that Portland had reached the skyscraper era in its municipal development. It was led to make the statement because of the number of big office and mercantile buildings now in course of construction.

There are times in both Chicago and New York when an 18-hour or even a 14-hour train can't get a man out of the city. The President Roosevelt is a dinged mugwump. It will only be a war of words between France and Germany and in the French have the advantage—theirs is the diplomatic language.

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A JURY THAT CAN READ.

A NEW THING under the sun—a jury selected in a few hours every one of whom could read the newspapers and knew a spade from a wheelbarrow—an automobile from a hayrake. They all acknowledged that they could read and had read the local papers—the Salem Journal and Statesman, the Coos Bay News, the Grants Pass Courier—and most of them The Journal, and some even the Oregonian.

The people of Arleta are made of the right stuff. That section grew so quickly as the result of rapid transit that the citizens were forced to face and themselves assume the whole-burden of school accommodations. They met the situation like men. The tax levy for school purposes alone was 47 mills.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A Reader's Note. Portland, June 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—From every hand Portland householders are complaining that after having responded to the general call to open their homes they are unable to secure as roomers any of the visitors who are now coming to the city.

The result is apparent. Forced through their own inability to get roomers in any other way, many of these persons have now taken out "runners" licenses that they themselves, or through an agent, might legitimately direct roomers to their homes.

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The Albany Democrat man says he did about \$337 worth of advertising for the fair, but paid his 50 cents to get in the same as a white man, and yet he does not kick, but says the fair is "immense" and gives it a fine sendoff. That is the right spirit.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Wasco is to have a furniture polish manufactory. Oakland officers give notice that no more obscene language and profanity will be allowed on the streets of that town.

Gold Hill News: We have cleaned up all the rubbish and trash around the Newcomb building and the haul of the boys are 21, with 30 cents, they can swing the earth by the tail, they think.

How easy it is for papers published in Boston to offend and to offend the public in general will the proper person kindly state in clear and exact form just what a runner may and may not do and how and when and where, and under what circumstances, which gives the police authority to arrest runners for violating their many petty rules, of which no two officers have the same interpretation?

AN INTERESTED PARTY.

Beating Wifebeaters. Portland, June 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—Now that this state has resurrected one of the forms of punishment for wifebeaters, the legislature by foreign nations as a nation of female worshippers. Will this law work both ways and punish the husband-beaters?

A Good Country. Warm Springs, Ore., June 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—Three years ago there was a great rush made by timber land seekers to the Matolis country, lying just south of the Warm Springs Indian reservation and on the west side of the Deschutes river to the Cascade mountains.

Spalding Bros., of Wisconsin and A. W. Sibley, of Grants Pass, have acquired possession of the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber company, in the Sweet basin, about 25 miles from that city. The mill is of 40,000 feet capacity, and was built some years ago, but has been idle for the past two years.

Want to Get in Free.

To the Editor of The Journal—The Indian war veterans of Oregon, Washington and Idaho who were assembled at Portland, Oregon, on the 14th inst. and who were permitted to visit the

LATE NEWS FROM RABBITVILLE

From the Irrigon Irrigator's Special Correspondent. The City druggist is getting up a partition to vote this precinct dry at a special election. They say it would be a great cure for us to have an open saloon, they promise us that if we will vote the precinct dry they will reduce their drinks to three for two bits, and sell better liquor. It looks like we would most all vote for dry.

We had a Christian Scientist in our midst last week. He was seen here to cure one of the Butterbottom girls who has a broken leg. He said to her, said he, "your leg ain't broke. Old man Butterbottom got in the same then and says you're a blame fire, or something like that and then the fight began. The scientist is trying to make folks believe that one of his eyes is not swelled plumb and his nose chawed loose, but the hurts talk more scientific than his preachin'.

The City druggist is getting a lot of new goods this week. Nice men's suits, which last week he was seen to bring in as dear as four dollars a suit, golf-sticks, a lot of choice mackerel, popped corn, new potatoes, lettuce, flags, bay rum, New England rum, and rum; wheelbarrow, axes, hoes, gingham, tooth-powder, and all kinds of odds-and-ends, hair, machine, olive and linseed.

THE VIEWS OF ONE

By Ambrose Meroe. Of course we all want the war to end. Of course we are all proud of our country's power and influence in the world's affairs. Of course our president must be "up and doing" all the time. Nevertheless, some of us would like to see the United States keep out of this oriental muck; it is none of our business.

Americans are champions of peace, are they? In the century and a quarter of our national existence every generation has had its wars—with Great Britain, a war with Mexico, a war with Spain, and in default of a foreign enemy, a war with ourselves. This makes no account of our war with the Filipinos, who are neither foreigners nor Americans. In brief, we are conspicuously the most pantankerous of all modern nations.

From Russian sources come the assertion that Admiral Rojstevsky was "surprised" by the attack of the Japanese fleet. This raises an interesting question. If it is a secret, one would like to know what it was that the Russian admiral expected to meet.

Admiral Evans' denial that the sailors of his ship are here, does not impress. It is true that he showed a reporter the menus of his several vessels and that these were emblazoned with the names of such goodies as chicken and turkey, and other delicacies. In fact, the ship's stores of a merchant man having run low, the contents of the forecastle went out to complain of the quality of the meat.

Wholesale desertions from the cruiser Calumet in Boston harbor recall an incident in the history of an Illinois regiment in the Civil war. The regiment was stationed at Readyville, Tennessee, for nearly six months and during that period a majority of the men deserted and went home. One day the colonel received from one of them the following letter, dated at the place where the regiment had been raised:

"Sir, if you do not immediately reinjoin your unit in this congressional district you will be court-martialed for absence without leave." The poor man cut short a most promising military career by resignation and obedience.

Baby May Vitalize \$2,000,000 in Bonds.

From the New York American. Can a baby sit on the side of a shell and go to sleep? This is the problem which has aroused the gravest attention on the part of Chicago's authorities. It may invalidate the city seal of Chicago and thus render void all the franchises and other official documents to which the seal has been attached since its design was changed by a city ordinance on April 15.

The "baby" that has caused all the trouble and has driven Controller McGinn to seek Corporation Counsel Tolman's advice is the "infant sleeping in a shell," that was called for by the ordinance of August 15 as the legal design on the seal. The whole question hinges on the posture of the infant and on the construction of the word "sleeping in a shell."

Republican Party's Mission.

From the Arlington Record. To those people who claim the Republican party as an excellent example of organization and accomplishing no good in the world, we respectfully call attention to the fact that Oregon has a Democratic governor elected by Republican voters. That the city of Portland has a Democratic mayor elected by Republicans. That Multnomah county has a Democratic sheriff elected by Republicans, and there are others. The Republican party is great on numbers and is very quick in evidence when it comes to whipping up the other fellow, but seems to be short of material for filling the offices from its own ranks.

Gilliam Receives Notice.

From the Condon Globe. The Portland Journal of last Sunday contained an excellent three-quarter page illustrated article of the new Condon railroad. The article shows a picture of the steam track-laying machine which was used to lay the steel and ties on the new road, and several other interesting cuts. The descriptive article is of interest to all who desire reliable information concerning the Condon country and is in marked contrast to former alleged "write-ups" given by some Portland papers which of late years have confirmed their statements to the times worn, out-and-dried misstatement: "Gilliam county is a waving wilderness of bunchgrass, peopled by a few long-haired stockmen. Arlington is the county seat."

The President, the Kaiser, the Czar.

The Kaiser, I am told, is highly flattered to be likened to Theodore Roosevelt. I wonder if Theodore Roosevelt is highly flattered to be likened to the Kaiser. One thing can be said that ought to be flattering to both of them, and that is that either could earn his living in case he lost his job.

John A. Disney.

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my mind as to the particular essential in which Mrs. Fiske deserves greater honor—her own acting, her staging of the play, or her selection of the cast.

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in summing up there is a question in