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MALICE AS A MOTIVE IN NEWSPAPERS.

RITICISMS of public institutions, men and meas-ures are within the legitimate scope of news-paper enterprises. They serve a very valuable cose in a government like ours and render a service which the discriminating public fully appreciates. But to be of the utmost value the motive back of them should the public good rather than a private determination to gratify a personal grudge or to even up for a fancied Furthermore the impelling motive in one case d operate in all cases; there should be no friends shield and no enemies to punish, as such.

For several weeks the Oregonian has been denou ing the Oregon Water Power & Railway company, a big organization like that which comes in contact w some just grounds for criticism, and it couldn't well be otherwise. To all such criticism no one should object, not even the company, for it is through complaints that very often its service is improved and a first-class service is what every intelligently managed semi-public corporation desires. But the motive of the Oregonian was to do injury rather than to serve a public cause this has been clearly apparent to every observer.

A few evenings ago in the course of some remarks about the dangers surrounding young girls whose parents were careless in allowing them to go to places of public amusement alone, Judge Frazer of the juvenile court made some incidental reference to the Oaks, the large amusement resort owned by the Water Power company. These were maliciously seized by the Oregonian in or about the city the deadliest to its morals. As Judge Frazer himself says in the course of a letter to the Oregonian which was published this morning: "The part of my remarks published, without their context or any explanation, is easily susceptible of such mis-construction, and I think it is due to the people interested thing has happened recently in this city and county, and in the Oaks to say that no such criticism was intended. The fact that I took my own children to she Oaks on two occasions would be sufficient to show that I did not think the place an immoral or improper one." Here is a clear, clean cut and decisive statement. The judge was alming his remarks at the carelessness of parents who allowed their children to gad about without heed or care, it mattered not what place of public amusement in or out of the city they might frequent.

Does the Oregonian immediately accept what the

judge says and give everyone his just due? Not at all. In the face of the facts before it, it editorially repeats and emphasizes the scandalous story which it has conured and pays no heed to any but this phase of it. All of which is in line with its old-time policy of protecting public gambling, shielding dives, doing dirty work for money, and telling the public when it is brought to task it that after all, in this world, it is morally a case of everybody for himself and the devil take the hindmost.

The most dangerous of all resorts to the morals of the city, have been the suburban beer gardens. They openly ed at vice and indeed thrived on the facilities afrded for its gratification. When The Journal made a campaign against these dreadful places the Oregonian never had a word to say about them. In this respect no lic place of amusement has been better managed in the Oaks and this we believe is the universal testiny of every one who has visited the resort. Nevertheless we agree with Judge Frazer that neither there nor any other place of public amusement should young irls be allowed to go without proper escort, not beof any harm that could immediately come to them there, but because of the opportunities afforded for promiscuous acquaintanceship which might lead to dan-gerous consequences elsewhere.

#### LET US BE THANKFUL.

OST OF US have something to be thankful for. · Thanksgiving is a formal holiday, such as we amuse ourselves with occasionally, and affords as good an occasion as any to formally show forth

A man need not be a Pantheist at all to think and be lieve that nature is a part, an exhibition, a manifestathe buds of springtime, in the music of the falling aut mn leaves; in the scarlet, orange, crimson glory of the lying year as well as in its Easter time or its Maytime; in the great harvests, in the mighty forests, in the sounding sea, in the eternal mountains—in the very air -all aroundous.

We cannot, and if we are well informed we do not want to get away from God, or cease ever from being thankful for the wonderful gift of life, and all its op-

There is much for most of us to be thankful for tomor -sun, and rain, and sea, and trees, and plains, and light, and beauty, and love and life.

For everything good—and if we could understand it all things are good—let us be thankful. Tomorrow will be Thanksgiving!

#### CRITICISMS OF THE WHITNEY INCIDENT.

THE Springfield (Mass.). Republican, a very conservative and conscientious newspaper, takes the same view of the president's violent criticism of H. M. Whitney of Boston that The Journal took last week. "No action that the president has taken since assuming his high office," says the Republican, "was calculated to make so unfavorable an impression as this Whitney episode."

The Philadelphia Public Ledger takes a similar view, and says: "A few more exhibitions of this kind, and Mr. Roosevelt will dismay his best friends. \* \* \* If the progress along what is vulgarly called the 'swelled-head highway' proceeds, popularity will be checked first by anger, then by denunciation, and finally, in its last and fatal stages, by laughter."

The Baltimore American thinks this is too serious a

view to take, and optimistically remarks:
"President Roosevelt's nature is essentially wholesome and he is in no danger of becoming a victim of megalomania. There is too much fun in him, and too much good physical health, to permit of such a thing. But, hatever it portends or does not portend, the incident is in itself highly discreditable, and in the case of almost some light on the Panama canal question. We hope so.

any man but Roosevelt would do serious damage to the authority and dignity of his position as president. The whole thing—aside from any other criticism—is a case of a tempest in a teapot; it is hardly worth while to go into

But the American does go into it at length, and narrates circumstantially the whole affair, and makes these

"President Roosevelt takes up Mr. Whitney's letter and, not content with saying that it misstates his position-a thing on which Mr. Roosevelt is absolute a final authority-asserts that the misstatement was deliherate, i. e., intentional, on Mr. Whitney's part, a thing which Mr. Roosevelt cannot by any possibility know anything about and upon which it is safe to say that hardly any sensible man will agree with him. Mr. Whitwhile Mr. Whitney's inference, hough loose, was of a kind that a great many people are making all the time, Mr. Roosevelt's inference was absolutely wild, and was one which we doubt whether a single responsible human being in the United States would hold to be just or rea-sonable. For the president of the United States grossly to insult a man of character and standing upon such a basis as this is no light matter, and if it is excused and proof of the strong hold that Mr. Roosevelt has won, and carned, upon the regard of his countrymen, and not at all an indication that the offense itself was a slight

### PARTY AND PEOPLE.

UR venerable morning contemporary is worried exceedingly about the new primary law, and direct nominations. At this moment it has an especial spasm of nightmare, and predicts that under this law the majority party always stands to lose and

thing necessary for Republicans is to realize the situanecessity of suppression of personal and factional con-

That's the talk. First "realize the situation." That is really important. Next, "understand the conditions." Well, some people will try to do so; have indeed been trying. But the suggestion that there is a "necessity of suppression of personal and factional contentions" is not so clear. We have evolved, not only politically, but religiously, ethically, morally, physically, by "conten-tion," by the friction of more or less opposing ideas and forces. If everybody voted the Republican ticket; if everybody was politically subservient or obedient to the chairman of the Republican state central committee, for example, the country in a few months would be fit for savages only to live in.

It really is not very important whether or not the Re-publican party wins next spring's election in this state. In fact, "realizing the situation" and "understanding the conditions," it should not surprise anybody if some other than machine or organization Republicans were elected to office in Oregon next spring.

ties, on occasions, and voting for Men instead. Many illustrative incidents in the November elec-tions throughout the country mean that the people are becoming more intelligent and more independent. It is not "important" to support and sustain any party whatever; it is "important" to elect good, true, right men-

Our aged contemporary says.

to all who feel that they have an interest in the success of the Republican party next June in Oregon to realize the conditions. Events have put the old machine out of business. The primary law makes new combinations virtually impossible. The minority party will, however, there was a sorap there last week between two strangers and an ax." The animating it, read be-Our aged contemporary says: "It is highly important

direct primary law next winter, and build up in this state a new, great machine, labeled "the Republican party" which will represent the ambitions of a few bosses and not at all the party at large. We don't be-lieve the voters will stand for it. They have had a taste of political liberty and rather like it. Above all things they find it brings about a vast improvement in state, county and city government and as this is what every nonest, unselfish and patriotic American desires, such men-fortunately constituting a majority of the people will be tempted to do nothing to change such ditions" as lead directly to that most desired result.

#### THE PANAMA CANAL.

HE FOREIGN ENGINEERS on the consulting board, joined with two or three American engineers, have decided on a sea-level canal at Panama, though the majority of the American engineers on the same board are in favor of a high-level canal, one that can be built expeditiously and with comparatively small expenditure.

There can be no sea-level canal without locks, and these will always be a source of large expenditure for maintenance. A tide-water canal is one built without locks, but this cannot be built at Panama, where the tide rises and falls in the bay off the Caribbean sea from 20-odd feet to three feet, uncertainly. Whatever canal is built, apparently, must have locks, or basins; but of course a "sea-level" canal would have fewer of these than a high-level canal, built on the original plans, From all the information published so far we don't believe the "consulting board," or the American entablishment of one industry of this nature will bring others. cided on anything; except to draw their salaries. Estimates of the cost-"expert" estimates, too-vary to the extent of \$100,000,000. It appears probable that a sea-

level canal will ultimately cost about \$500,000,000. And a high-level lock canal will never be quite satisfactory. Perhaps the president in his annual message will throw

Prom the Medford Southern Oregonian.
There is a party in Kismath county opmulitied to secession from Oregon and ennexation to California. It dates away back beyond the time when Ashiand sought to reopes the road between the Rogue river valley and that town and to establish a mail line on that route, which was finally done, though

raphy of the country sustains the view, but perhaps state lines will not render with the rest of us located near the secession necessary since the constitution guarantees free trade among the

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Klamath county is "some pumpkins" in Oregon, but in the fellowship of the big, wealthy counties of the imperial commonwealth of California it would be marked the other way. Her representation would be so fractional that perhaps none of her politicians could go to the legislature and those who aspire to be governor or congressman would be deprived of all hope, says the Tid-

Ings.
There is some difficulty about aliena-

#### The Patriot for Price.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

From The Hospital.

#### SMALL CHANGE

Of course, Burton will appeal, and in the meantime will draw \$416.66 2-3 per

Those who go down to the sea ships these late November days likely to encounter squalls, at least. Yes, it's tomorrow; look cheerful.

Don't forget the poor. Say, a load of wood is better in some cases than a long prayer, an oratorio, a cantata, a sermon, and a flushy feast.

Bruin appears to be trying to earn his

Maybe you can be thankful that you

With that staunch, redoubtable, in-tense and immense patriot (ex-state printer) Baker at the helm, the Republi-can party craft will surely sail serenely into golden seas, and be effulged with rainbows.

Then perhaps you can be thankful that you are alive.

All at sea in Oregon, politically, next spring. Well, there's a worse place, we've heard, than the sea.

Salem will be thankful in dreaming electric roads.

#### OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Canyonville Echo: Tuesday was tur-key day. Every rian on the river hav-ing a turkey in his possession hauled him to town.

Prairie City Miner: "I would never marry a man," said the bachelor girl, "who would not include in his marital

Considerable wagon-road building go

Sheridan has mineral springs from which water is sold at 15 cents a gallon

"Storms brought gladness to the sepmen," says the Lakeview Exam-

Prom the Houston Pest.

One of the New York craters declares that he believes that the constitution should follow the flag. What New Yorkers most need to see is that restitution fellows the swag.

#### GORMAN OF LEGEND IS GONE

But Gorman's right hand has not lost its cunning. He is the old Gorman; only the age has passed and left him. There are two Gormans—the Gorman of legend and the Gorman of reality. The Gorman of legend was a great politician, a wizard of his craft, a magician, a man who could do miracles. That was the Gorman who was halled as the Moses of his party in 1903. It is the Gorman of reality whom the Democrata are contemplating now in the cold gray dawn of the morning after.

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'The state of politics has changed entirely." was Danton's explanation to the mystified politicians of France, who tried to stem 1791 with the broom of 1785, of why their efforts failed. That is what is the matter with Gorman.

Politics today is not what it was in 1880. It has changed, and for the better. The politics of petty chicans has had its day. Tricks that 30 years ago were chuckied at with more or less approval and resented only by the victims, arouse a storm today. Morey letters and Murchison letters are not sprung on the eve of an election now.

Gorman cannot realize the truth, and tries to patch up his defeat with new tricks. Least of all does he understand his own state. Ten years ago Maryland took its place, not only in the column with states of the new politics, but at the very head of that column. Gravestones used to vote in Maryland. In default of a handy gravestone you could have voted your pet dog. With the revolution of 10 years ago there was such a sweeping change that Maryland is intolerant now of even what the men of Gorman's day looked upon as a smart but honest trick.

Maryland is naturally Democratic, and

As a means of regaining the confidence of Maryland he devised he trick ballot. Its intent is to prevent votors from voting as they intend. It can be shifted around from year to year, to meet exigencies and to foll persons who laboriously learned how to meet the trick of last year. For instance, having abolished party emblems, one year Gorman arranged to have the names of the Democratic candidates printed in Roman and those of the Republican in old English: rightly reckoning that it would be hard for an ignorant voter to read the old English.

Another year the illiterate voter, having learned to recognize the letters "Rep." Gorman brought into being a phantom third party and named it "Repudlation party," to bring to no account this hard-learned education of the illiterate. Another year, he hit on the clever idea of printing a broad black line under the Democratic column and

rital To Gorman all these things seemed honest enough and in accordance with the snirit of the times. In 1880 everybody would have called them ingenious. And why Maryland should take them so seriously the Gorman of reality could not see. The Gorman of legend, the great Gorman would have known. It was Gorman, they say, who defeated Blaine by seizing upon Burchard's hapless "Rum, Romanism and Rebeition" utterances and plastering the dead walls of New York with it just before election. Whether Gorman deserves the credit of this or not, ft was Gormanism in spirit. That was in 1884, and Gormanism

credit of this or not, it was Gormaniam in spirit. That was in 1884, and Gorman is living in that year yet.

When he came to the senate leadership his course seemed simple. It was to oppose gverything President Roosevelt might do—oppose it quite impartially and without regard to any other consideration than its authorship—and pick up, by ciever manauvers in the senates little despects of party presiders. pick up, by clever maneuvers in the senate, little feathers of party prestige to be added to the Democratic plume.

# LETTERS FROM THE

The Journal—Permit a few words on the "divide-up" phase of today. The claim is made that Socialists want to "divide up"—an untruth—but isn't it the capitalists that do so now? They take all return from industry, giving back as the "divy" merely enough to keep it going. Wage-carners never get the profits of their labor, in fact, never handle them at all, but just fake what the "other fellow" hands back as theirs. In this all else is divided as seen in the comforts and luxuries enjoyed by the "other fellow" as his. Even the little left the worker becomes subject to other "divide-up" grafters who greedly strive for it. Today all wage industry is subject to those that hire and only done for or through them—as the means—as they make the conditions and terms, and these are such that they set the wage and get the product. In this capital has become supreme and superior to the workers, who only figure in industry at so much per head as part of "the plant," not as human beings of need and right to live. Property of profits made today is rather that of those who take than make as producing, and is a money grab through the wage system. Socialism, by providing equal means and right of use, would give every one the gain of use, would give every one the gain of use and managemen of their industry. None then would be dependent for privilege or opportunity at cost to themselves as now. This is the industrial freedom Socialists hope and work for. Collective property being of like interest and welfare to all, its furtherance and betterment would be their aim, while that from use and in-

Portland, Nov. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—What a pessimistic age is this; how are all these poor fault-finders to be pleased? Can they please themselves, or will their jealous, envious natures be obstacles in the way of pleasing even self? Whatever is done, this alert specimen of humanity, the pessimist, is out for a skirmish, and the latest seems to have taken the Rev. Mr. Wilson and the Berlino quartet for her targets, whom she bandles with ungloved hands and unbridled tongue and pen. "A Club Woman," too, who sees inhumanity in allowing those pretty, fascinating children to entertain the

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#### GET MARRIED SIR, AND BE A MAN

### LEWIS AND CLARK

Captain Lewis explores Toung's bay. November 2—The wind lulled, thoughe rain continued, and the waves were why should such genius be neglected—
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