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DOES THE SENATOR JOKE?

WHEN from Washington, Senator Bourne urges "loyalty to party" as a panacea for all civic diseases, he is amusing. But for his wonted sincerity, he would be suspected of joking his party in Oregon.

Party loyalty is a vulgar appeal, and the sure reliance of unworthiness. Republicanism is too respectable to be made the plaything of men who employ party, not for principle, but to get into office.

OPPOSED TO A THIRD TERM.

THE Chicago Tribune is one of the few Republican papers that have ventured to declare positively against the renomination of Roosevelt for another term.

The building of the road just completed is but a beginning of a new network of trolley lines that will within a few years traverse all parts of this section of the country.

may be chosen by the Republican voters and their delegates, without pressure from the administration. This sentiment is likely to grow and strengthen somewhat, yet the present outlook is that Roosevelt will be nominated unless he has the strength to refuse, and that if he succeeds in refusing he will name the nominee. He is that kind of a man.

ANOTHER TEST CASE.

A LARGE number of Polk county people have organized to make a practical test of the question whether the Southern Pacific must sell its lands granted by the government at \$2.50 per acre, according to the terms of the grant.

It is said that it makes little or no difference to the people as a whole whether the company keeps these lands or sells them, for they would soon pass into a few hands in any event, being mostly timber lands, and only a few people would receive the great profit gained in obtaining them at \$2.50 per acre, when they are worth from five to twenty times that amount.

RURAL RAILWAYS.

PEOPLE of several towns of the Pacific northwest are waking up to the desirability and advantages of electric railroads extending therefrom into the surrounding country, especially if the region be well adapted to fruit raising and dairying.

Salem will be another prominent center of such a system of rural railways. It will have electric railway connection with Portland within a few months, and is again agitating the project of building or helping to build a line to Falls City to connect with the railroad that will extend from that lumber town over to the coast.

Up the Rogue and Umpqua valleys, with Roseburg and Medford as centers, some roads may be built, to timber belts, to fine summer resort places and through the wonderfully rich fruit growing districts.

An electric railroad has just been completed from Walla Walla to Freewater and Milton, in the northeastern part of Umatilla county, and while Walla Walla will be greatly benefited thereby, other places will have their turn, for the Pendleton Tribune says:

show their faith by their works—that is, by investment. For years we have been saying to Salem, Eugene, Baker City and other such towns, "paving pays;" and to the people of the country, "good roads pay;" and now we say that in some cases, such as we have mentioned, rural electric railways will pay. They will bring the immigration you want. They will double and treble production. They will do more than all else to develop the country which they traverse.

THE Y. M. C. A. IN PANAMA.

THE government is wisely helping the Y. M. C. A. to get into operation on a large and systematic scale on the Isthmus of Panama. It is doing this on the recommendation of the chief engineers and others in charge of the work. President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft have endorsed the movement and will lend it administrative assistance. This is not done as a religious movement, nor even primarily as a moral movement, but as a matter of business. It has been learned by experiment that the Y. M. C. A. not only exercises a good moral influence there as it does everywhere, but that it helps many of the men to be more contented and to do better work. Dissipation and discontent are foes to good work, and the Y. M. C. A. has a tendency to check both. It furnishes food for thought, it helps men thus away from home and in a disagreeable place to be moral and decent and keep straight, it provides them with good reading and healthy entertainment, in many ways it is a moral and mental stimulant of harmless and helpful character; and consequently the men as a whole are better behaved, more contented and do better work. Anything that induces the men to do good work, aside from any other consideration, is of great value to the government, and it finds a useful ally in the Y. M. C. A. But besides doing more and better work, the workers will be better men on account of the influence of this very practical Christian organization.

Reports from the Walla Walla and Snake river valleys represent that a large portion of the hitherto prospective fruit crop has been killed, beyond doubt or recovery. We are not in a position to dispute these reports, but until they are fully confirmed will assume them to be exaggerations, for such is almost invariably the case. There are always risks to take in fruit raising, anywhere in the country, and late frosts do kill much in the aggregate annually, yet as a rule the damage turns out to be far less than was anticipated at the time of the frost, and we hope that such will be the case in this instance.

A visitor to eastern Oregon is "the Elk-Tooth King," who, it is said, has the largest number of elk teeth in the United States, his collection comprising 13,500 pairs and 27,000 single teeth, one of which is valued at \$550, and for the whole of which he has refused \$125,000, thinking they may become worth a million dollars. We suppose collecting elk teeth is no worse than some other feats, but for our part, thinking of the great numbers of these noble and innocent animals that have been slaughtered to obtain their teeth, we wish this man had less of the teeth and that more of the animals were alive.

Funny thing—that douma. A member makes a speech that the government members don't like, and instead of debating the matter they withdraw and send back word that if the speech isn't "taken back" or repudiated by the douma they won't play any more, but will have Pa Czar dissolve the parliament and send the members all packing—perhaps some of them to Siberia. And this is promised free speech in Russia.

If a Republican senator wants to keep his seat, or to avoid an effort of the administration to oust him, he must declare for the president, or at least be a sure Roosevelt man. This smacks somewhat of a dictatorship, but maybe that is what we need. Our astute new Oregon senator soon learned which way to jump.

A juror in the McManus murder case fell ill after the evidence was all in, but fortunately recovered sufficiently to hear the arguments and charge, else the case would have had to be tried all over again. Why should there not be a law that if one juror dies or becomes incapacitated the 11 may return a verdict?

lines between lots. There is nothing ornamental about a great, thick overgrown hedge of the ordinary sort, and when it hides the ground it encloses it is an aggravation to the public—though the owner has a perfect right to maintain it. But beside a row of rosebushes it is an ugly thing.

Whatever explanations or excuses are made, we suppose there are people who will insist that the missile that fell at Fifteenth and Pettygrove streets was fired from Japan, and means that that pugnacious country has begun war by firing shots and not by an official declaration, just as it did with Russia.

John Hays Hammond, whom the Boers came near executing a few years ago, is said to receive a salary, or salaries, amounting to \$800,000 a year as an expert mining engineer. And he never was a Panama canal engineer or a member of the cabinet, either.

The Prohibition candidate for mayor is said to be a very good man, but it is not expected that any heavy bets will be made on his election.

Portland will be at the mercy of an ice crust during the summer, but fortunately we seldom have any protracted very hot period here.

A Western Utopia

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. Utopia is no longer a romance. The dream of Sir Thomas More is at last realized, and the nation which has made good the illustrious Englishman's conception belongs to the state of Illinois.

Douglas township, Clark county, enjoys the unique distinction of being without a church, lawyer, doctor, preacher, justice of the peace, constable or pauper. Blessed community! Thou art the Mecca of the thoughts of all men and women, and were it possible, the whole world would flock to thee!

In Douglas township everybody is well. The ill that flesh is heir to (ordinarily speaking) are unknown, and the pill vendors and bone setters are not wanted. They must ply their trade elsewhere. In Douglas town they trade starve to death.

Refusing to spend their precious time with quarreling and fighting, the Douglas town folk keep steadily at work. There are no idlers there. Every one is busy from sun to sun, earning something, saving something, and so making pauperism an impossibility. In the town there is neither tramp, loafer nor beggar. Everybody works and everybody has a plenty.

Let Us Have Peace. By H. W. Longfellow. Were half the power that fills the world with terror.

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals The blast of War's great organ shakes the skies!

The Bright Side. W. J. Oliver, the lowest bidder for the construction of the Panama canal, said of a contract that a friend had lost.

Young Wife—I want you to promise me one thing—if we would avoid trouble we must live within our means, and to help me in doing this I want your promise that you will never run in debt.

Mankind's Salvation Is in Altruism

Progress and enlightenment teach man truths which sound at first very unpleasant to his ears, accustomed only to flattering lies. They proclaim that you are a single animal in a species called mankind. You are governed by precisely the same natural laws as all other living beings. Your place in nature is that which you can win for yourself by suitable use of all the powers existing in your organism.

This tickles man's vanity much less than when a medicine man says to him: "You are the special favorite of a mighty ruler of the universe, the all-wise God, you have the highest place in the universe and can get still further privileges if you obey my commands and pay me my tithes."

The former is a fundamental principle must govern society and this principle must be either individualism, that is, egoism, or the solidarity, the cohesive fellowship of mankind, that is, altruism.

Human reason, as such, is not to be preached let it be consistent and assert its right in all cases. If it is right for the rich man to luxuriate in a life of leisure because he has been able to get possession of landed estates, or to take advantage of the labor of others, then it must also be conceded to be right for the poor man to strike him dead and take possession of his property as the spoils of victory, if he has the courage and strength to carry through such an undertaking.

Selfishness arouses the desire to govern others, it leads to despotism, it produces kings, conquerors, ambitious states and political bosses, while the love of our kind arouses the desire to serve the race, it leads to self-government, universal suffrage, it produces a legislation inspired alone by the welfare of community.

Today in History. 1572—Pope Sixtus V died; born January 17, 1504. 1673—Archbishop Sharp assassinated.

An Editorial "Must." From the New York Press (Rep.). President Roosevelt must abandon his resolve to name his successor if he desires our political institutions and our system of government by the people to survive.

Women's Work in Germany. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. In Germany three women are employed as chimney sweeps, several as gunsmiths, 147 as brass and bell founders, 147 as carpenters, 279 as millwrights and millers, 309 as masons, eight as stone cutters, 2,000 in marble, stone and slate quarries. In all, 5,500, 000 women can earn their living in trades and professions.

Letters From the People

Portland, Oregon, April 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—The letter from Mr. Eugene Palmer of Albany, published in the columns of your valuable paper on the 27th inst., is so replete with misstatements that I feel it incumbent upon me to answer it.

The salaries paid the members of the faculty are among the lowest paid by any state university in the Union. The maximum salary paid any of the present professors is \$2,000, and only eight of them receive that. The rest of the professors and assistant professors receive from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year.

The statement that President Campbell is "touring the state" in order to create sentiment against the referendum is also incorrect. I am informed that the invitation of the Linp county granges, in order to show cause why the referendum should not be invoked, and that he has made one trip to Clatsop county and one to Portland.

Mr. Palmer is also in error when he quotes President Campbell as saying that the university is now on a salary (annual) of \$80,000 per year, the average salary of the university has averaged \$80,000, owing to the fact that the legislature of that year made special appropriations for buildings and maintenance of the university to the amount of \$147,000 from an income of \$100,000 to \$120,000 from the university land fund, the Willard fund and the enrollment fee (\$10 per student).

I hasten to assure Mr. Palmer that I am not worrying at all about the final outcome of the initiative bill of education receiving newspaper clippings from a local clipping bureau, and out of more than a hundred Oregon papers only two or three are supporting the present movement.

Many of the signatures that have been attached to the petitions have been secured through illegal misrepresentation. An individual who has been circulating petitions in one of the Willamette valley counties has made the statement that the university charges an annual tuition fee of \$100 per student and that no one is allowed to attend unless he or she has a "pull" with a member of the state senate.

Prohibition and Prevention. From the Chicago Journal. "I see Montana has passed a law prohibiting gambling" with other states. "Yes, lining up" with other states that prohibit gambling but don't prevent it.

Small Change

The Republican seem to need a boss. The paper trust seems to be immune. People who won't clean up should be made to clean up.

There will surely be no peace until women can vote—and less after, probably. But when fruit buds are really killed near home the pert paragraph doesn't seem so funny.

Next Saturday the people will decide on their candidates. But after that some independent fellows may get busy. Bryan says he is greatly indebted to the American people. For defeating him for president or paying \$1 per to hear him talk?

It was quite natural for Grover Cleveland to stand for the high salaries of insurance men. He would probably justify a raise in his own slight salary of \$25,000 a year.

Oregon Sidelights

A farmer sold 42 chickens in Lebanon for \$26. A tennis club has been organized in Condon. The Merrill creamery will begin operation May 1.

Two Wheeler county men claim to have killed 500 squirrels on a hunting trip. Condon has as good an outlook as any town in eastern Oregon, claims the Times.

The Springfield Commercial club is active in doing good work for that progressive town. The Wood River marsh, in Klamath county, covering thousands of acres, may be drained.

A Philomath 14-year-old girl, while out hunting birds, shot herself through the foot. If she had been washing dishes or running a sewing machine this would not have happened.

Briggs valley is one of the wildest and most inaccessible sections of Josephine county, and to reach it one must travel eight miles over a mountain trail. Its population consists of a Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their 10 children and half a dozen bachelors. It is within a forest reserve.