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Let us take short views. Let us not climb the high wall till we get to it, or fight the battle till it opens, or shed tears over sorrows that may never come.

WILL IT "POINT WITH PRIDE?"

IN REPLYING to an article in The Journal, ex-Governor Geer says in his paper: "But there have been no 'bad official records'."

What about that thirty-odd thousand dollars of the school fund that a clerk of the board stole, none of it ever being recovered, for instance?

The Republican party of Oregon will hold a convention in a few weeks to elect delegates to the national convention, choose presidential electors, and possibly adopt a platform.

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IS CONGRESS DEAF TO THE PEOPLE'S DEMAND?

THAT IT is impossible that this session of congress will pass a rivers and harbors bill, is the opinion of Senator Fulton.

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substituted who can hear and heed the requests of the people. Congress should make money available at the present session, not only for reasons of vital necessity, but because of the unexpectedly favorable turn in labor conditions.

AN EXPLANATION.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was reported as saying recently, in a talk perhaps not meant for the public, but which is good for the people to hear or read:

It is worth a good deal to this country to have for president a man who has worked out of a "narrow life," who has "been up against the man in the checked shirt" and can see things from his point of view.

Roosevelt, if he said this, is right; there are scarcely any narrower people in the country than some of those monopolistic multimillionaires of New York.

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an end to or at least a check upon the corruption that obtained in every department of the public service, to an extent never dreamed of in this country, bad as it has been in this respect.

THE SENATE IS STILL WREAKING ITS VENGEANCE ON LA FOLLETTE, BECAUSE HE INSISTED ON SPEAKING WHILE YET A NEW MEMBER AND SHOWING UP THE WEAKNESS OF THE RATE BILL, WHICH THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS DID NOT WANT EXPOSED.

The Los Angeles jail is so crowded that new prisoners are alluded to as "strap-hangers," and the chief of police wants to build barracks for prisoners in the public parks.

SOME NEEDED LEGISLATION.

IT IS well, on the whole, that the legislature meets only biennially, yet in the interim there always arises need, or the realization of a need for some new legislation.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The Evil of "Treating." Hood River, Or., Jan. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The better class of people must surely approve what The Journal has to say from time to time concerning the liquor traffic.

Private individuals get control of water power streams because they understand their value and importance, and are interested in their own welfare.

OMITTING MOTTO FROM COINS.

From the San Pedro News. Dr. Robert J. Burdette, in his sermon at Temple Baptist church, Los Angeles, Sunday, spoke in praise of President Roosevelt's course in omitting from the new coins the motto: "In God We Trust."

HOW FAMOUS ART PLAYED BASEBALL.

The January American Magazine presents the wonderful life story of David Wardfield, whose acting in "The Music Master" took the country by storm.

WOULD HELP NORTHWEST.

From the St. Paul Dispatch. While not deliberately wishing any of our neighbors any misfortune, it is a selfish but practical reflection that a quieter sort of prosperity for the eastern part of this country would most probably give a great impetus to good times in the west, especially the northwest.

HINT TO WOMEN.

From the Topeka Capital. A woman was told whether a man really loves her by finding out whether he will get up on Sunday morning and go to church with her.

ADVERTISING THE MARRIAGE-ABLE GIRL

By Mrs. John A. Logan. Now is the season for introducing young ladies into society. Innumerable teas and parties for the debut of young women are being held.

Half the young women are presented in society without any idea of responsibility or of assuming any of the homely cares of domestic life.

THE NEW STATECRAFT

By James J. Montague. My boy, if you'd like to carve out a career as a maker of national laws, Don't let any lack of the speech-making knack permit your high purpose to pause.

LEAP YEAR

Nice room, Easy chair, Old Bach sitting there, Old Bach sitting there, Old Bach sitting there.

WANTED TO CHECK HER BABY.

From the Eugene Register. Just about the time the passenger train pulled in from the south yesterday, a woman rushed up to Baggage-master Leonard Gross and said, "Here, I want you to check the baby to Junction."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1766—James Francis Edward Stuart, pretender to the throne of England, died in Rome. Born in London, June 10, 1688.

FRANCIS E. LEUPP'S BIRTHDAY.

Francis Ellington Leupp, the present United States commissioner for Indian affairs, was born in New York, January 2, 1849.

QUEER NAMES.

"We Chinese," said the law student, helping himself to oysters, "give our children queer names. Our girls, for instance, are not called Mabel, Jenny or Matilda, but Cloudy Moon, Celestial Happiness, Spring Feast or Casket of Pearls."

AS TO GOVERNOR HUGHES.

Kansas City Star: If there is any reason why Governor Hughes would be a more desirable candidate for president than Secretary Taft, so far as the people are concerned, the people might to know it.

THE SAVING GRACE OF HUMOR.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Joe Cannon, who, on the subject of the tariff, would be nominated, quoted the gloriously intoxicated gentleman who said to the rattlesnake, "Come on, damn you, I was never better prepared for the only party who possesses both a boom and a sufficient sense of humor to save himself from a misfortune of regarding it with seriousness disproportionate to its significance."

SMALL CHANGE

Tom Lawson's party will probably be obliged to nominate him for president. There must always be the morning after.

CHICAGO IS A GOOD PLACE IN WHICH TO HOLD A NATIONAL CONVENTION; IT IS THE WINDY CITY.

If the president is in doubt what to do at Goldfield, why doesn't he ask Larry Sullivan?

LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE.

"Listen to your wife," says the governor of North Carolina. The advice is superfluous.

THE TEDDY BEAR IS SAID TO HAVE LOST ITS POPULARITY IN NEW YORK, DUE, NO DOUBT, TO THE MACHINATIONS OF THAT MILLIONAIRE CONSPIRACY.

ATLANTA JOURNAL: IF THE PRESIDENT REALLY WANTED TO ALLAY THAT PANICKY FEELING HE SHOULD HAVE INVITED HARRIMAN TO A CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

SECRETARY LOEB MAY BE A DELEGATE FROM NEW YORK TO THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

NEW YORK: THE PORTLAND JOURNAL SAYS JACK MATTHEWS AND IKE PATTERSON ARE TO HAVE CHARGE OF SECRETARY FULTON'S CAMPAIGN.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Little feeding yet and cattle in fine condition in northern Lako county.

A boy 18 years old near Sliver Lake killed a cougar 9 or 11 inches long.

Fines recently paid in Eugene for violation of the local option law amount to \$510.60.

Douglas county during the past year has been marked with an unusual amount of crime and tragedy.

A Greek woman, 60 years old, mother of two laborers, accompanies them and their companions wherever they go, even into saloons in Pendleton, where they drink.

R. W. Dougherty, living near Free-water, has 15 acres of land in cultivation and this year the gross cash receipts amounted to \$2,387.20, besides a large quantity of potatoes and fruit yet to come.

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