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national lawmakers and you will see that they will never save these lands for the people, not in a thousand years, unless there is a radical change in the personnel and purpose of congress.

STRIP OFF THIS MASK OF PRETENSE.

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This is not true. The Oregonian knows it is not true. Did the men who voted for Mr. Bourne in the legislature violate the constitution? If so, would Mr. Bourne have been seated as a senator at Washington?

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mouth of the Columbia, that the emporium should be there for commerce with the Orient. A little more than a decade later that judgment was "disentangled from by the sagacious McLoughlin of the Hudson Bay company. He moved the entrepot of trade 100 miles up the river. His idea, in so far as it affects the use of this lower stretch as an arm of the sea, seems destined to stand. It has not merely the sanction implied in the building up of a city of 200,000 people at the head of navigation on the lower Willamette, 12 miles up from its junction with the Columbia, but also a hearty seconding in the plans and projects of the engineering service directing river and harbor improvements.

The consideration that weighed with Dr. McLoughlin in establishing Fort Vancouver near the region whence was obtained his company's wealth of commerce holds good today. The ocean liner is brought for its cargo as near as possible to the heart of a large and rich producing country. The improvement, therefore, of the Willamette and Columbia below Portland is virtually of the nature of harbor improvement, while that contemplated for the river above and its tributaries is that of inland waterway improvement.

OREGON'S REACTIONARIES.

HISTORY REPEATS itself. Every effort for popular rights has encountered resistance. Every step toward greater power for the people has resulted in a reaction. Metternich was the prince of reactionaries. With a success beyond that of any other man, he smothered the longings of European masses for constitutional government.

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prizes which have not been so profitable as it was expected they would be. Now we must wait, the whole world must wait until we earn more free capital." With scarcely diminished admiration for the genial and patriotic secretary, it seems to us that this explanation is weak and lame. One is almost tempted to say it is insincere. He came far nearer telling the causes of the panic in his Boston speech last month.

It can scarcely be said that Oregon had any hard times during the past few months, but better times are coming. Even Harriman cannot keep Oregon or Portland down or back.

The New York World has published an anti-Bryan book. O well, the Democratic party tried a candidate that suited the World four years ago.

Ruef weeps copiously because he was not given immunity. But why should he go scot free, while far lesser criminals are punished? Weeping would not save them.

Harriman will no doubt try to buy up the electric lines as fast as built, and so maintain his monopoly. But this, if possible, should be prevented.

"Party" elected most of the Portland councilmen. Now you see the result.

Any Cabinet Officer's Diary. By C. B. Quincy. Great news. Appointed secretary of the navy. Always wanted this particular office. Feel that I can manage the navy department to the best interests of the navy and of the nation.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Demand Statement No. 1. Hood River, Or., Feb. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—The constitution of Oregon says: (Art. 1, Sec. 1): "We declare that all men, when they form a government, are equal in rights; that all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper."

There is no reference in the constitution to party, but there is a positive declaration that all power is inherent in the people. They may instruct their representatives. Heretofore it has been customary for representatives to get their instructions from political managers and not from the people. This system has been highly satisfactory to the said managers and the special interests represented. But there are at this time many citizens who are not partisans. It is not necessary that they should be. The party spirit is a consuming fire. Fortunately the fire is about burnt out.

In demanding Statement No. 1, the people are simply rising to their proper rights. They are not asking the people to say what they want, and get it. There are no parties. Now that they want, the Oregon people to say what they want, and get it. The people are "standing up on their hind legs" and object. Well, what of it? The people are the constitution will survive. Let the people rule.

Not a Marker to Old-Time Craft. Portland, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—Some of the papers in Oregon are bewailing the awful corruption evident in the cost of placing a few public questions before the people. Some of them are saying that it is a waste of money. Terrible! Awful waste of money! For the entire budget it has cost some \$100,000 to secure signatures to petitions. Dreadful! Some money has been paid over to secure the printing of arguments by the state to be sent to every citizen. More waste of money.

The Fall of the Giant. In the valley by the mountain stands the giant forest tree. O'er each rival tree top towering, its crown reaches to the sky. Straight, great and lordly, reigning over all.

Roosevelt's Great Service. From the Philadelphia Press. If congress would follow President Roosevelt's recommendation for the amendment of the Sherman act, the national legislature would pass the wisest law enacted in years.

One Typical American. Big Bill Taft is statesque and stately; you could not call it if you haven't seen him lately; a middleweight before and a heavyweight now.

Big Bill Taft, indeed we like to use you; we love to see you work, we'd hate like time to lose you; so keep your brogans dry, be careful of all-essential, presidential.

Rodmond P. Roblin's Birthday. Rodmond Palen Roblin, premier minister of agriculture and immigration and commissioner of Provincial lands of Manitoba, was born in the Province of Ontario, February 15, 1853.

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Small Change

A day's work is worth more than a week's talk. And the reporter never told us how Boni got the \$20.30. No other candidate so well matched an elephant as Taft.

Most of the winter is pretty nearly as good as spring in Oregon. It is nearly time to spend about \$20 in making a 30-cent garden.

The American people are being canonized—and thereby bunked. The Ohio river is rising. But not for Foraker—unless to carry him off.

You can never judge the size of doctor's bills by the size of his pills. But can Mr. Lowell give any especially detailed reasons why he is for Hughes?

A Japanese is over here investigating our fisheries. Shouldn't he be deported? Senator Knox says the Panama canal cost \$500,000,000. And then some, perhaps.

There is hope for King Manuel; so far as that goes, he has never tried to write poetry. Bingham, Burnett, McNary—and we suppose there are other Salem lawyers to hear from.

It is about time when the eastern peach crop needs the services of a trained nurse. But Mr. Shepley is in the also ran class already. Why should he want to repeat the experience?

The Journal prefers to look along the path of progress, rather than back at the tombs of dead issues. We suppose the spelling reformers, if addressed by a plain president, would address him as Governor Ilus.

Now poor stricken Valparaiso will have to entertain the fleet. Formal hospitality is often a good deal of a burden. Can't those quarrelling wrangling, epigram throwing courtiers find a hint that the public is becoming thoroughly disgusted with such hoodlumish performances?

When councilmen call one another liars and make other accusative statements and imputations, they may be telling the truth, but that is not what the people elected them for.

There is a tragical warning to practical jokers in the case of the death of Mr. Wetle at the hands of Policeman Hepner. The officer cannot be blamed, yet must carry a lifelong sorrow.

An Astoria morning paper that wastes a great deal of space and effort trying to "knock" Portland and the Clatsop county people, should expend them to better advantage for its home city.

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Discuss Real Issues. Portland, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—In this city the People's Forum is discussing, every Sunday, the real issues of the day. It is a free platform and no admission charged. Free if many of the most eminent men of the state have appeared to advocate different public measures.

Some Rich Slang. "Upper benjamins, mud pipes and kickles cut peg top, half tight or to drop down over the trotters; vests hung around to flash the dicky or tight up round the scrag; sneaking togs—"

Laughter in Persia is considered feminine. There are tropical daisies a foot in circumference.

Undodgable Taxes. Pleased with his morning's work—he had sworn off no less than \$340,000 in taxes—the capitalist leaned back in his chair, lighted a cigar and talked agreeably about his work.

Ten or Twenty Maybe. She looked him from the window of the "Pioneer" special.

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