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THE GOVERNMENT VS. THE S. P.

THE house has passed the Fulton resolution authorizing the government to proceed against the Southern Pacific railroad for the purpose of forfeiting its land grant in Oregon, the terms of which grant that corporation has notoriously violated during the past third of a century. All efforts to amend the resolution so as to nullify its purpose failed, and unless there is some unperceived joker in it, the attorney-general can now proceed in the attempt to wrest these lands from this corporation, that has so long and so insolently defied the law, and put an incubus upon a large fraction of Oregon's territory.

This does not mean that the lands will be forfeited; it only means that the government may now legally proceed in the attempt to have them forfeited, but that the government can succeed is far from certain. If it does succeed, it will be only after many months, probably several years, of litigation. The battle in the courts will be a prolonged and notable one, and the outcome cannot be safely predicted, although everybody knows that as a matter of plain fact the lands were forfeited many years ago. But a big railroad corporation cuts a different figure from a poor, humble squatter or homesteader in court. The laws may be construed and interpreted quite differently in the two cases.

THE GREAT GIFT OF WATER POWER.

THE people—or many of them—are waking up to the vast importance and value of the water power of streams. President Roosevelt is alert on this great subject, but congress is dumb, inert, negligent, or watching for chances to serve predatory interests.

Not long ago James J. Hill said that the watercourses of the Cascades would ultimately drive all the locomotives in the state of Washington. And Oregon is similarly blessed with unlimited power in its streams, flowing down from both slopes of its great central ridge of mountains—and from the coast range, Blue mountains, Callipool mountains, and others. In these running waters are immense possibilities of convertible power. They sing of it; they roar with it; their music is not idle, insignificant; it is a call to industry, a challenge to development.

F. G. Moorhead, in the World's Work, predicts that within two years freight and passenger trains will be lifted over the Bitter Root mountains, on the backbone of the continent, and dropped into the inland empire by electric power. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is harnessing the St. Joe in northern Idaho, and theoretically will develop 200,000 horsepower at a cost approximately of \$3,000,000—enough, it is said, to drive 500 mogul engines with 150 miles of train. During the present year the Great Northern will receive four 100-ton electric locomotives to be used in the Cascade tunnel. These new three-phase locomotives are the first of their type to be used for railroad service in this country, and they are larger and more powerful than any in Europe.

are now carrying coal for the railroads' use to the other uses of commerce." Yes, and electricity may also be used, ere long, for fuel and heat as well as for light in hundreds of thousands of homes, as well as in business buildings. Its possibilities of utilization have scarcely been skimmed yet.

Meanwhile, though the president urges that the common people's interests be safeguarded now, since they have not been before, as they should have been, congress refuses to take any action, but sits as if it were blind and deaf to any appeal to protect the people's interests and prevent the rape by corporate greed of God's gifts to them.

THE UGLINESS OF GREAT MEN.

A LATE newspaper article has told us that women give more attention to their personal beauty than men, and points to the artistic, beards and great paunches common among men, one the fruit of bad taste and the other of appetite. The Philosopher Descartes once said that according to his own experience "a good preacher, a good book and a handsome woman are the three things most difficult to find in the world." And Descartes was so ugly that viewing himself daily in his mirror he came to believe that there is no such thing as personal beauty; notwithstanding which, he had intimate relations with many women, who seemed to admire him more for his mental power, despite his physical presence. Descartes died unmarried, because among all his intimates he found none to admire and love, and he counted them all after a limited acquaintance, as either ugly or uninteresting.

It is a singular fact that if we examine a series of the portraits of celebrated men we find but few that challenge the attention by their manly beauty, while on the contrary sufficiently great is the number of the ugly ones. Overhaul an album of our countrymen and observe this fact. Not to offend the present monuments of the unbeautiful, note back a generation or two and find a stream of models in personal ugliness, among the American great; Clay, Calhoun, Lincoln among statesmen; Emerson, Holmes, Greeley, Bennett of scholars and journalists, and almost every woman you can name as distinguished in letters or politics.

According to the confession of an English writer, Great Britain has been fruitful in ugly great men. The most monumental among them is perhaps the Baron Dowsie, who, when Vanity Fair published the caricature of the great legislator, fled from London where he never returned until all the world had forgotten the terrible drawing. Darwin may also be included in a gallery of ugliness. Apropos of him, D'Israeli, who could not boast of great beauty, said: "When I am with Darwin, that giant of science, I feel myself among the angels." Bulwer Lytton was another English type, augmenting his ugliness by wearing his hair and beard in careless dishevelment, but he had an aristocratic air, which seemed to diminish his ugliness, just as elegance makes an ugly woman attractive.

In the French revolution we find three great figures, who seem to have taken united revolt against the order of society, which recognized them as the ugly trio of France. It is truly curious that Danton, Mirabeau and Robespierre presented a common front of ugliness; the foreheads depressed and the eyebrows raised towards the temples.

Ugly, like himself alone, was the poet of antiquity, Tertius, and it is a matter of fame that Socrates and Euripides were not greatly indebted to nature for personal beauty. Francisco Manegna, the great painter of the fifteenth century, could transfer to canvass the sweetest feminine beauty, and the celestial expression of the angels, but was the ugliest man of his century, if we may believe the stories of his biographers.

It is not possibly a design of Providence that genius, with its overtowering disproportionate forehead and broad jaw, be raised out of the common ambitions of the lower plane of men into the Godlike sphere of creative power?

The Oregonian says that "Democrats, invading the Republican primaries, voted mostly for Mr. Caker and are believed by many persons to have given him his 2,700 majority over Fulton, or at least considerable part of it." Where is there any evidence of the truth of these assertions? They are not only supported by no evidence, but are contrary to reason and sensible conjecture. If Fulton had beaten Caker, it would have been asserted, with even better ground therefor, that Democrats voted for Fulton. Most Democrats did not go to the polls. Of such as did, and voted for either Caker or Fulton, it is probable that the majority voted for Fulton.

The Prophets

Dear Collins in Dallas observes. The section day was over, and the clerks had shed their coats. And ungrudgingly he counted all the fat little voices. And they added (sotto voce) that beyond the slightest doubt, "The Democrats will get us, if we don't watch out."

WILL A GREAT NAVY PAY?

SENATOR HALE, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs, says that the expense of a great and growing navy increases much faster than the number of battleships does. He declared that repairs on warships have to be commenced as soon as they are afloat, the amount and cost of repairs increasing annually, and that by the time the cost of repairs has equaled the original cost of the vessel it has become obsolete and is worthless. That is, if a warship costs \$3,500,000, that much more money has to be expended upon it within a few years, making the cost of the ship alone \$7,000,000, to say nothing of the cost of maintaining officers and crew and of supplies and then it has to be consigned to the naval boneyard.

Does it pay? Is it necessary? The opinion seems to be gaining ground that the building up and maintenance of a great navy, when war with any other power is an extreme improbability, has assumed the aspect of a great national bunko scheme. According to the present program the people will within a very few years be expending \$250,000,000 a year on the navy. Out of that immense sum a good many people get pecuniary profits and benefits, but the benefit, either direct or remote, to the people, is not clear. This country is safe without a great navy.

The election returns in Multnomah county show conclusively that the Republican voters who support Statement No. 1 of the primary law are largely in the majority. Counting every "X" marked as one vote, the votes cast for all statement senators, including three not nominated, were 41,956, while the total vote for all "anti" senators, one more such being in the field, was 34,228, showing a majority for the former of 7,728. The total votes for statement and "anti" representatives were, respectively, 94,230, and 79,219; majority for statement candidates, 15,011, making a total majority of 22,739. If we deduct Mr. McArthur's majority of 2,783, there is still a majority for the statement candidates, as a whole, of 19,956. The wicked Democrats surely did not cast all these votes.

The Astoria newspapers continue to misrepresent grossly the Columbia river channel between that city and Portland. No such vicious and malevolent misrepresentations have ever been published in any of the papers of Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco or Los Angeles, as appear constantly in the two Astoria newspapers. The people of that fine, prosperous, growing city are unfortunate in having such narrow vehicles of news and opinion.

Of the 212 cases on the circuit court docket in Oregon City, 150 are divorce cases, most of them involving parties living in Portland. Might it not be well to put a check to this custom of Portland people securing divorces in another county and district? If a person is entitled to a divorce, why not try the case before a home court?

Roger C. Sullivan's Illinois Democratic convention instructed the delegates from that state for Bryan, but it is to be suspected that if an opportunity occurs Mr. Sullivan will improve it to beat Bryan. But Mr. Sullivan may not be able to control the delegation if he attempts this.

Representatives Jones and Humphrey of the state of Washington, both spoke effectively in favor of the Fulton forfeiture resolution and in support of Representative Hawley's efforts to pass it without amendment. For which, Oregon is duly appreciative.

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American Trade With Japan

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Yokohama, March 25.—War, or any other cause, which would interrupt trade relations between Japan and the United States would immediately paralyze the internal business economy of this country. The United States is Japan's best customer, and takes one third of all that it has to sell. These exports which go to American markets are almost all the product of Japanese labor, and the increasing trade with the United States means more employment at higher wages. Any interruption of this trade will spell disaster to the common people of Japan, and it is not too much to say that in a material way, Japan's very life depends upon the maintenance of good commercial relations with the United States. The folly of a Japanese governmental policy which might lead to lesson the export business to America is too apparent to require notice.

Yokohama ranks third among the ports of the world in the amount of exports shipped to the United States. Paris is expected to be the second. The most important item of exports to the United States is silk. This product strikingly illustrates the Japanese dependency upon the United States market. The war between Japan and Russia was more disastrous in its results in Japan than at home, owing to the falling off in demands for raw silk for the United States. The war has also lessened the demand for silk in the United States. Capital to the extent of \$25,000,000 is tied up in this way.

Notwithstanding this temporary dullness, the future of the silk business in the United States is bright. It is not too much to say that the United States will not interrupt the Japanese silk trade. The United States will not interrupt the Japanese silk trade. The United States will not interrupt the Japanese silk trade.

Although Japanese porcelain has a market in all parts of the world, the United States is a much larger consumer than any other country; in fact, half of the porcelain shipped from the Japanese islands goes to America. This is another industry that probably will have a large development in the United States. The Japanese workers make them very skillful decorators, and wages are extremely low. The Japanese workers make them very skillful decorators, and wages are extremely low.

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Another branch of home industry that is steadily increasing is the manufacture of cotton goods. The material for these articles is imported from Great Britain, sent to the factory districts of Japan, where men, women and children are employed to draw-work on it, after which it is frequently finds its way back to the United States. This work is very highly prized for the fact that it is a country people who toilsome work to the exclusive patterns earn from 5 to 10 cents a day. The natives are very frugal in this kind of work. The natives are very frugal in this kind of work.

A new item in the exports from Japan to the United States is lumber. There are extensive forests of hardwoods, both in northern and southern Japan, and the United States is a large customer for California in large quantities at lower prices than elsewhere.

Election Comment

A Ridiculous Claim. From the Pendleton Tribune.

The claim put forth in some quarters that the Democrats registered in large numbers for the purpose of voting for Caker instead of Fulton, on the ground that Caker would be the weakest candidate to set up against the non-partisan spirit of Chamberlain, has no apparent basis whatever in fact.

At this particular time, when Statement No. 1 is in decided favor in Oregon, it is not surprising that the most ordinary Democrat that the strongest opponent Chamberlain could have in a popular vote would be the Republican. The Republican would be the strongest opponent Chamberlain could have in a popular vote.

The Tribune took no hand at all in the senatorial contest, but it does not believe a Democrat who registers as a Republican assisted the nomination of Mr. Caker; there were many candidates who failed in the primaries and the very best and humblest of them would have been elected if they had not been so. The reason that the other fellow got the most votes, and this thing has been happening ever since the government of the United States was launched upon the political sea alongside other "ships of state," and before.

The Primary Election.

From the Dallas Observer. Most of this talk about Democrats registering as Republicans for the purpose of defeating Republican candidates is the veriest stuff and nonsense. Where and who are the Democrats that have registered as Republicans? Who are they here in Polk county? We make Clerk Asterbury say many Democrats had registered as Republicans and he said he didn't know of any.

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Barking Up the Wrong Tree.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Bourne, Bourne, Bourne, in the cold, cold trail, why yell? Why vociferate so loudly at the foot of the coniferous tree? The Democrats are not the party to be defeated for the purpose of non-