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deal of money in Oregon, but more than that, many of them will return to settle here, and their reports will bring other settlers and investors, people with means and who will energetically aid in Oregon's development.

So this is not merely a local affair, nor designed solely for the pleasure of automobile tourists. It is a project that will benefit the whole state, as well as southern Oregon.

THE PRINCIPAL REASON.

IT IS constantly asserted in some Oregon newspapers that Mr. Calkins was betrayed and "knifed" by Fulton's friends, in the election last June, thousands of whom, it is alleged voted for Chamberlain in order to get revenge on Calkins for "butting in" and beating Fulton in the primaries. While there is undoubtedly some small measure of truth in this, probably the real fact has been a good deal exaggerated.

It was no very wonderful and should not have been a very surprising thing that Governor Chamberlain beat Mr. Calkins. With no disparagement of Mr. Calkins, the governor, everything considered, was far the more fit man for such a position. Thousands of Republicans recognized that fact, and voted for him on that account principally.

Did not Chamberlain beat Mr. Farnish in 1902? There was some factional "knifing" then, no doubt; Governor Geer sukked, and the Simon following did not respond enthusiastically. But in 1906 it was different. Mr. Withycombe had never figured in factionalism; he was widely and favorably known throughout the state; all the Republican papers agreed that the party was united as well as it could be—and yet Chamberlain, with his good record, beat Withycombe by some ten times as large a majority as he had over Farnish. If under such circumstances he could do this in 1906, why should it be thought strange that he should beat Calkins in 1908, with two more years of good record to his credit?

Some of our Republican friends seem determined not to perceive the simple and sufficient explanation, namely, that a great many voters of their party in this state have become on some particularly important and significant occasions independent. They cannot any longer be herded, and driven, as a mass, to vote as the leaders tell them. If their attention is sufficiently aroused to perceive that a Democratic candidate is clearly the better, fitter man for a prominent position, they will vote for him. They do so because they believe this man can best serve the people, the state, than the other, and this consideration they put above adherence to party.

This is an encouraging sign. It shows thought, conscientiousness and patriotism. It would be the same in a Democratic state, of course, when many Democrats voted for a Republican candidate for the same reason. And unless Mr. Calkins is an exceptionally fit, true man, we expect to see Attorney-General Hadley elected governor of Missouri, because he is a Republican office holder who is true to the people.

So all Republicans, if they could be picked out, who voted for Chamberlain for senator, should not be charged with "knifing" Calkins on factional grounds and out of revenge. Most of them, it may fairly be assumed, voted for Chamberlain because they cared less for party than for securing the best man for senator from Oregon. And we believe that Chamberlain today, or next fall or winter, would beat every Republican successively that could be put up against him, to the number of six, or 12 or 20. Why? Not so much because the Republicans are fighting one another and have lost all their "principles" as because the people want Chamberlain in the senate.

THE FAIR SEASON.

IT IS THE season of fairs. From various points of view they are beneficial. They afford agreeable and innocent means of recreation, after the summer's toil. They are instructive, for the sight of superior, excellent products leads to more or less inquiry into the methods and processes of producing them. People who have not done so well, nor, perhaps, tried to do as well as they could, are stimulated and encouraged to do better, to become amicable emulators of their more successful neighbors. Thus the average of quality of agricultural and other products is raised, and the quantity too. So the community, the state, are enriched.

The number of annual fairs in Oregon has increased much during the past few years. Many counties now have a county fair to themselves, instead of or besides aiding in district fairs. All properly managed, are worthy of earnest and liberal support. They not only aid more and better production, but they encourage immigration of the right kind of people. And to this end reports of fine products should be carefully made and as widely distributed as possible. The Journal is always ready to aid in this way.

More important than any other is the state fair, which occurs next week. It is always an occasion of great interest to many thousands of people, and deserves to be so, even more than it is. It is supported in

part by the state, and all the people of the state ought to be interested in its success, and a greater success from year to year. Portland people may have no agricultural products to display, but they can show their interest and good will, and at the same time gain entertainment and information, by attending this fair.

Since so much has been said about the Democratic party and Mr. Bryan being for free coinage of silver and "bimetallism" in 1896, it is well to remember that the Republican party was in the same position but recently, and came near to being so in that year; that many of its leaders were for free silver; and that Mr. McKinley had for years been one of the most ardent advocates of precisely the same policy advocated by Bryan, declaring that the maintenance of the gold standard was a great crime; and changing his opinion only shortly before he was nominated for president. So if Bryan was mistaken from 12 to 15 years ago on this proposition, so was not only McKinley, but a great number of other able and honest Republican lawmakers and leaders. One party was about as badly divided as the other on this subject, until after 1896, when coincidentally with McKinley's election and thereafter, the situation was relieved by the discovery of great quantities of gold and by other incidents and events.

Small Change

Indiana looks like a doubtful state again.

Time of year to begin borrowing umbrellas again.

To win Bryan must carry four or five big western states.

Oyster Bay will soon relapse into its native oyster-like obscurity.

But the Hains brothers may not have as much money as Thaw had.

It is said that the price of meat is falling. On the hoof, perhaps.

No more Summer girls. But something just as good, maybe better.

There will be plenty of things in Oregon to have a Thanksgiving day for.

Mr. Taft has concluded that he is not sure to win with golf-sticks and fish bait.

Thaw will get out yet, if he has to appeal to some justice of the peace in Arkansas.

"Labor is divided," says an exchange. Yes, some workmen can get a job and some can't.

Mr. Harriman will speak some good words for the Oregon tract in the metropolis, no doubt.

It is a shame—that there has not been a tariff on hops high enough to raise the price.

Having been fishing, Mr. Taft wants to go campaigning, perhaps to spin some fish yarns.

Did anybody ever hear of a lot of common voters petitioning for a "vigorous campaign"?

Tillamook might as well get ready to be overrun with Portland visitors when that railroad is built.

We suppose the G. O. P. campaign book elaborates on propriety and omits reference to the panic.

If Gompers can beat Uncle Joe, he will go forth and conquer the party, a great service, but probably he can't.

Either way it goes, Mr. Bryan will have established a new record as a presidential candidate in his election.

A young woman ran up to Governor Hughes at a county fair and kissed him. It takes a woman to be sublimely brave.

Isn't Oregon going to celebrate its semi-centennial as a state—its valentine from Uncle Sam 50 years ago next February?

"Mulberry street should be cleaned out," says the New York American. Are the old mulberry trees and get rid of the worms.

The campaign books being out and distributed, the campaign orators can soon go forth and make their eloquent extempore speeches.

Every year the Oregon state fair ought to be better than ever before, and every year Portland and Multnomah county should do more to make it so.

"The overshadowing question is whether the Roosevelt administration is to be sustained," says Jimmy Sherman. And all the time he has been opposing the Roosevelt policies.

More grain is coming to Gervais than for 10 years.

A settlement in Yamhill county is named Skunkville.

Shipments from Gervais amount to 1,500,000 pounds or \$1,800 a month.

A Yamhill county girl went hunting for ferns, got lost, layed out in the rain all night.

Three North Bend young men walked to Crater lake and back, about 500 miles, camping out.

The Clatskanie creamery is assured and will be a great advantage to the farmers thereabouts.

Water is the object of universal discussion in Medford and a new project is born every few hours.

The postmaster of Oregon City, after careful work, estimates the population of that town at a little over 7,000.

A good many watermelons are now being shipped from Tillamook, and some of them are whoppers, weighing nearly 50 pounds.

Through the proceeds of a street carnival the Enterprise band has entirely paid off its debt of \$912 for its instruments.

Sheridan, says the Sun, is fortunate in being situated on the line of the railroad so that it is not troubled much with tramps.

Albany Democrat: The boy is often father to the man. Johnny Burkhardt, a well-known boy, was a kid. Now he is flying 40 horsepower airplanes.

A plan to build an automobile road between Coos Bay and Roseburg and to operate a line of motor cars was launched by a man representing a Los Angeles firm.

A Newport woman who is paralyzed had for a companion and an assistant a very big dog very fond of her and very fond of the nearest person on earth, state it.

A new cheese factory is to be started at Ona, in Lincoln county, by a man who has been in Tillamook county several years, and who says the Lincoln is even a better dairy county than Tillamook.

Forest Grove News: The coming of the Oregon Electric company into this city is to the citizens of Forest Grove almost like the coming of the white man to the Indian. It will revolutionize the industries and business of the county.

Gold Beach Globe: Much activity is now being shown by home-seekers from different parts of the continent. Mr. Rogers, late of the coast, is now investigating several families, is now investigating the chances for homesteads in this county.

Rogue River valley Bartlett pears are being raised in a large tract of land near any other section in the United States in eastern markets, and they are being shipped to various parts of the country, and the fact that the quality is below the average.

A man in the eastern part of Umatilla county is raising grain huckleberries. He has about 350 bushes of this fruit which tastes exactly like the wild huckleberry and is very much larger, being about the size of a small cherry. The bushes are prolific bearers, each averaging about a gallon.

Mrs. Wade and Miss Grills, sisters of Marshfield, are visiting in an automobile and as they rounded a street corner two little children darted in front of the machine, and to save them from the consequences Mrs. Wade deliberately turned and plunged over an eight-foot precipice. She was seriously hurt, but the auto was not.

Milk will remove Indian ink from clothing and immediately wiped off with the wash is good.

SOME TYPICAL LETTERS

Collier's Weekly publishes two letters, the first one from a Boston man as follows:

"In the event of the election of Mr. Taft, and along with him, Mr. Sherman, will not our mutual friends, Mr. Cannon, have a still tighter grip on our 'free government' in fact, what could be the result of Mr. Taft with Mr. Cannon sitting on the house and extending his long arm of power over into the senate? I think the new president of the senate, Mr. Sherman, the man he made."

"Little has come to my notice in the public prints regarding this—what seems to me serious situation. Can it be this is purposely being suppressed? I think I should like to vote for Mr. Taft, but under the circumstances I think I should risk Mr. Bryan for president, with a Republican congress to balance reference to a wholly Cannon government."

"The second letter is from Kansas as follows:

"I am enclosing you a couple of clippings, which indicate the drift in Kansas. Here is a word to all of you about the present situation in the west. The west is thoroughly in sympathy with what might be called the Roosevelt policy. And the west means to stay there, no matter how the Mississippi valley gives the weapon we need, and we'll not be slow to use it."

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Correspondents are notified that letters accepted for publication are not to be returned to the editor, but to that limit.

The Law's Delays.

Portland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—The law's delays are proverbial, and the cost of law in this state, but we have not any more justice than will go half way around the world to get it.

Up and down the mountain rushing, Like a band of tireless gnomes, Icy cold the streams are gushing From the yawning glacier throats.

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