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PORTLAND AND PHILADELPHIA

THE Philadelphia North American, discussing its position as compared with that of New York, with respect to commerce, says:

The laws of economics are inexorable. When once a nation has advanced far enough to make true economy the basic principle of its commerce, its ports and cities, gifted by nature with advantages, come inevitably into their rightful possession.

Philadelphia, situated on the mainland, 100 miles nearer the western and southern markets, has such tremendous advantages over New York that from the time the railroads are brought to see their real duty toward their stockholders and their shippers Philadelphia's resumption of the supremacy of the Atlantic seaboard is a mathematical and economic certainty.

A good deal of this applies directly to Portland. Let us see.

The port of Philadelphia has a channel 30 feet deep at high tide, and 24 feet at low water, 2,000 feet in width along the entire waterfront of the city.

The channel in the Delaware river to the bay has a minimum depth of 26 feet, and a width of 600 feet at low water.

The channel is being deepened by the government and the city to a depth of 30 feet at low water, but this is an even more difficult task than it is here.

About 200 of Philadelphia's wharves belong to the city. With all the grafting and looting that have been carried on in that city, the people have gained municipal docks, which if mentioned here, are bitterly opposed.

Portland is situated much as Philadelphia is. It is 100 miles inland. It has a fresh water harbor. It is nearer producers and consumers than any city on the sea coast can be.

We have now practically the same outlet to the sea as Philadelphia. Both cities must see to it that they have a channel of 30 feet at low water, and 35 feet or more over the bar, to the sea.

This obtained, Portland will rapidly forge far ahead of all Puget sound ports combined.

We have down-grade, water-level railroads, naturally centering at this point from almost all the great Pacific Northwest. The channel is all that is needed. It is being obtained. Much has been done. Much is being done; whatever more is necessary must be done.

A few more long, strong pulls, all together, will finish the work, and make Portland secure and supreme as the great metropolis of the Pacific Northwest, indeed of the Pacific coast.

Philadelphia may never beat New York, now, though we think that within the next generation Philadelphia will greatly gain on New York in commerce; but Portland, Uncle Sam duly helping, can surely and beyond question become the leading port of this region.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES

THE railroads of the country persist in claiming that a raise of freight rates is necessary. Since the recent decision of the court of appeals in San Francisco, they will scarcely attempt to raise rates generally without consulting the interstate commerce commission, but they will try to show the commission that rates should be raised. Possibly they should be, but before consenting to an increase of freight rates the commission ought to demand complete knowledge of the railroads' actual value, their cost, or the present cost of reproducing them. Stock and bond valuations should not be taken as a basis until the water has been squeezed out of them. Then, when the actual investment is ascertained, and the income and necessary legitimate expenditure of the railroads are fully and truthfully made known, and not before, the commission can intelligently decide as to whether rates should be increased or not. The mere assertion of the rail-

WILL THE OREGONIAN CONTINUE SILENT?

Small Change

North Fourth street looks, sounds and smells better, anyway.

If Senator Beveridge were president, he would never forget his dignity.

Hear both sides, but don't hurrah till you are sure you are ready—and right.

So Cannon, Aldrich, Sherman et al are to revise the tariff and reform things, etc.

Don't despise the boy who goes to the grocery with a can of oil; he isn't an office holder.

We thought Chancellor Day could not keep still much longer. The Break of Day was inevitable.

Senator Bourne's promised energetic campaign for Taft may be felt in some quarters, but little is heard of it.

If Mr. Harriman gets more Unga, all he wants to remain on Fourth street, what is to be the consideration?

So far as heard from none of those 200 federal office holder delegates to the Chicago convention has been fired.

In southern prohibition states it is said that there has been a falling out, bread, hoping they could taste whiskey in it.

While ago Bryan left his wallet in a Pullman car and a porter found it, and there was no railroad pass in it; so there, now.

"The people should remember," says Brother Gear, and then he jumps back to 1892 and 1892. Let's also remember about 1907-8.

It always did seem to us as if Senator Beveridge would be a good Presbyterian minister or theological seminary professor.

Now for football. This paragraph absolutely refuses this season to refer to doctors and hospitals and undertakers in this connection.

Poet Alfred Austin wants us to love him when the grass waxes above his dreaminess. At least we will then forgive you, Alfred.

Senator Dolliver will speak in Salem, but not in Portland. It can't be that the senator is so Portland is too big a town for a man of his size!

Boasting of Oregon fruit, especially apples, is a thing that Portland is too big a town for a man of his size!

Hazing in Bryn Mawr girls' seminary has been prohibited. That is right; unless men can be permitted to see the scraps, they should be suppressed.

Campaign buttons are few; they are pretty much out of date; yet if a person wants to wear one nobody has a right to kick. A button doesn't make any noise.

It was not at all in the nature of an exposure to connect old Senator Dewey with the senatorial election. Let us suppose a lot of Ben Davis apples will turn up on the market as usual.

There are a bunch of rather encouraging Republican 'B's in the senate—George, in his speech at Sunnyside denounced the bank depositors' guarantee proposition. But Mr. Factors, the financier and banker, declared it to be all right. Whose word are we to take? The man who has experience or the man without any?

John D. Rockefeller is again in active contact with the president's affairs. As John knew nothing about the affairs of the company when the great lawsuit was in progress, we should think he would be a non-hand to take the place of Rogers now.

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Judge R. A. Ballenger evidently thinks that the president is a crusher. He says that if he had the president's word, and it will be hard to keep the president from having the last say in the matter, I am of the opinion that he now regrets ever having said anything to say to Bryan at all. Indeed, he has already made it known through his secretary that he will make no further reply to the doughty Nebraskan.

This Date in History. 1783—Independence of the United States acknowledged by Holland and Great Britain. 1812—Capture of the Detroit on Lake Erie. 1821—Great earthquake along the western coast of South America. 1824—Thirty-two lives lost by the burning of the steamer "E. K. Collins" en route from Salt Lake to Harrisville, Cleveland.

John M. Clark's Birthday. John M. Clark, a member of the cabinet of Prince Edward Island and a prominent figure in public life in that province, died in Halifax, N. S., October 3, 1881. He was a distinguished educator in the public schools, and entered commercial life. His public career was marked by his service in the legislative assembly. He was elected to the provincial legislature in 1871, and served in the house, making himself master of his subjects, and presenting arguments fluently. Mr. Clark was a member of the executive committee of the temperance movement and has been one of the most determined supporters of the prohibition cause. He was elected to the cabinet of Prince Edward Island in 1878.

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THEY ALL CONDEMN IT

Eastern Newspaper Opinion of Presidential Interference in Elections

The eastern press comments widely on the interference by President Roosevelt in the pending election. The sentiment is general that he went too far in the beginning in dictating the nomination of Taft, a result that it is certain never could have been accomplished except by use of the federal patronage and the prestige of the presidential office. In the comment on the president's resort to personal influence and disposition in his effort to further the candidacy of Mr. Taft, newspaper expressions are largely to the effect that the standing of Mr. Taft as a candidate has been belittled, and that the presidential office has been disgraced by his action.

The Trouble With Roosevelt. From the Providence Journal. The trouble with Mr. Roosevelt is that he can see but one side of a question. He is an intellectual and moral arrogance he imposes to those who disagree with him only the worst of motives; that having made up his own mind, he is unable to put himself in another's place. This unnamable egotism accounts for most of the outbursts which have alternately amused and shocked his less impulsive fellow citizens.

From the New York Evening Post. Here is the governor of Oklahoma calling the president of the United States a liar in so many words and the president's secretary a liar in making various charges against the president's attorney-general. Today or tomorrow we shall have the president, probably more dignified than Haskell's, but no less bitter, to the president's denunciation of him. What a glorious day for the head of a nation of 80,000,000!

From the Springfield Republican. The position is taken by Mr. Roosevelt can enjoy, or that becomes the president of the United States—in other words, a "mess" and an undignified one.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. William Randolph Hearst slew Senator Joseph Benson Foraker. Roosevelt, after assuring himself that the president was dead, stood on his body and made a stomp speech.

From the New York Sun. Let self-respecting Americans of all political faiths unite in the fervent prayer that the exhumed treasury or spam of self-exhibition which is now degrading the office of president of the United States and soiling the scandal invites the attention and excites the disgust of the whole civilized world.

From the New London Day. President Roosevelt is not going to be a deadhead in the presidential campaign. He will be a man who has escaped from. It has been said to be a peculiarly American reflexion that we exhibit in the family. The well-to-do, well-read woman is an afraid of being thought too talkative, of classing herself with the vulgar prattlers who are so common in the world. The man of affairs hesitates to express his honest opinions on many subjects, fearing that he will be thought opinionated and dogmatic. But in the home circle such flippant reasons for failing to talk should not be given. It is the place where the young speak freely of their thoughts, sure of sympathy and comprehension, profiting by the wisdom of their elders.

But have we not all seen such a home circle as this—the daughter comes in from school and throws down her books. "Mama, I'm going over to Mary Gray's party. It is so nice. The men come in from business, grunts and greets and buries himself in the evening paper. Dinner is announced and they all file in silently, sit down to the meal. Occasionally one speaks in condemnation of the food or the cooking, or the place, or the furniture that won't come off and attends strictly to business of disposing of the food. Mother is so anxious about the children's manners and duties of cutting up the little boy's meat and rescuing the baby from the mill from the floor. When the meal is over each goes his separate way. The son goes to a chum's, the girl goes to a friend's, father lights his pipe and settles down to read the mother may put the children to bed and mend the stockings.

Why Do Students Prefer Corvallis? Portland, Or., Oct. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Dispatches indicate a registration of students at the State university of 600 and at Corvallis of 1,000 and probably 1,500. On the surface, this indicates either two or three to one in favor of manual training and agricultural education as against scientific and literary studies.

Undoubtedly the two institutions expect to specialize knowledge along those respective lines. Do the students of the University of Corvallis know that the crowd is going that way, or for social intercourse or any other reason but the need for the special knowledge to be gained? In other words are they genuinely at the head of the parade, or are they induced to lay aside false pride and own up to their real motives, the common sense of the old proverb, "The specializing knowledge of the two places would be very interesting and instructive."

Robert C. Wright.

Bryan's "Lack of Experience." Portland, Or., Oct. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mr. Beveridge thinks that Bryan lacks experience. The senator and is unfitted for president because of that.

Mr. Beveridge was but 26 years old when he was elected to the United States senate. Could he have had much valuable experience to fit him for the office of president? He was fairly well in that responsible position.

It was one of the stock objections to Lincoln in 1860, that he lacked experience. He had no training, they said, that fitted him to be president. He was the old time farmer, the crowd must be taken, they said. Well, Lincoln was taken because the popular instinct was right, and he was a pretty good president, too. If he did lack experience, and it would have been a good thing if he had taken Seward. Everybody knows that men fresh from the ranks of the common people are better representatives of their constituency than those who have been in office in the swim so long. Rotation in office is one of the means of preserving the republic. L. W. MYERS.

The Soul's Immortality. Arleta, Or., Oct. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal, September 14, 1908, an article was published on the soul's immortality, by one Father Sherman, which I wish to criticize. In the article, Father Sherman, at the same time abandon all previous theology and take only the Scripture for his guide.

Texts to refer to: First Tim., 1st chapter, 17th verse, also 6th chapter, 18th verse, First Cor., 15th chapter, 52d verse, Second Cor., chapter, 10th verse, Ezekiel, 11th chapter, 4th and 10th verses, Psalm 37, 1st verse.

If the constitutionality of a case were tried in our courts, it would be necessary to have a constitution to settle the matter in dispute, our courts. G. W. SMITH.

Taft's Specious "Policy." Portland, Or., Oct. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—For years the members of the G. A. R. have been deceiving the people of Oregon by their burial in the south outside of the national cemeteries. The expense is considerable for them for they are growing older and each year more of them respond to roll call to two years ago General Brown, their commander, included in his report to congress a request for a small appropriation yearly for the purpose of supplying flags and flowers for those graves on Memorial day. Ten days passed and, receiving no answer, General Brown wrote to the secretary of War Taft, in failure to receive a reply to his former letter and renewing the request. At length, after a delay of six days, Mr. Taft's answer came. He declined to make the request of congress, and said that he had no reason for giving the money. But he could recommend millions to build battleships, which he had no reason to man, or officers to command, or soldiers to give to the merchant marine on which to draw for seamen or sailors. But the battleships are the policy of the government.

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