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HAVE THE PEOPLE NO RIGHTS? M. R. ROOSEVELT is again in eruption. Samuel Gompers is this time the victim of his fury.

Whither are we drifting? William Wirt, American patriot and jurist, said: "According to the genius of our institutions, the president owes it to his country to abstain from the exercise of the slightest influence in the choice of his successor."

But for Mr. Roosevelt and the presidential office, Mr. Taft could not have been nominated. The record of the convention that named Mr. Taft is the proof.

Without trying to decide here whether the Oregonian is a Taft or a Bryan organ, the fact remains that when it insists that "no man who expects the legislature to elect Chamberlain to the senate, has any right to support Taft for president."

It is with the object of doing more work along the line indicated in the last sentence that the daily will be published. As the Sentinel says: "The tide is 'at the turn'; the current of human thought is setting in the direction of that which alone is real—the good that men do, and not the evil."

Walter Wellman a few days ago wrote to the Chicago Record-Herald: Of Ohio we vote next Tuesday the probabilities are that Bryan would carry the state.

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IS IT A TAFT ORGAN OR A BRYAN ORGAN?

STILL insisting, still reckless of all consequences, the Oregonian is furious because Governor Chamberlain is not to campaign for Bryan.

But all this is trivial in contrast with the Oregonian's manifest disappointment at the governor's failure to campaign for Bryan.

There is a woeful lack of enthusiasm among Republicans this fall and there is a woeful tendency on the part of Republican speakers and newspapers to fight shy of present issues.

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Small Change

How's your dinner pail? Lots of fine football weather going to waste.

Still the Oregonian neglects to confess to its deception. Still the automobiles are rapidly increasing the death rate.

There are reasons for the big slump, and they lie on the surface. The only sure safe bet to make is that Bill will be elected president.

But do we town people want Taft to raise the price of beef, butter and eggs? Nick is going to speak some more; everything seems to be coming Bryan's way.

The leaders are "exceedingly nervous; but the non-followers are feeling quite well. The more the people think about increased bank deposits, the better they like the scheme.

It is barely possible that the Seattle exposition can pull through without Henry Reed. Woodworkers are finding out that the high duty on wool don't keep the price up, after all.

What a lot of disappointed people there will be, from William down, on November 4. Judge Cleland's sentence in the Martin case perhaps indicates his opinion as to the defendant's guilt.

A dispatch says that of Taft's several speeches one day, the shortest was the best. This is often the case.

Even King Ed of England is butting in against the Abruzzi-Elkins matter. But Pap Elkins is a sort of a king-pin himself.

In Tacoma a man handed his purse to a stranger on the street, with the remark: "I am dead," and he wasn't a candidate, either.

Standard Oil is still swallowing big corporations, and is not likely to gorge itself with more if the trusts win out on November 2.

The trusts can contribute millions and the public won't know it until 20 days after election and probably not then, from Mr. Hitchcock.

At a Taft meeting in Silverton, 13 men met in a morgue, and enthusiasm should be perceptible. Homer Davenport should cartoon this meeting.

If the suffragettes had their rights, it is doubtful if "My Dear Maria" would vote for "My Dear Will," even though he is in favor of woman suffrage.

But if defeated "My Dear Will" can still be snubbed by the victor of the supreme court. Think of calling a statesman weighing 300 pounds "Will" or "Willie."

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Oregon Sidelights

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Plant life is as green, thrifty and bright along the Necanicum as if it were June instead of October.

The proprietors of "Morningside farm, near McMinnville, will have some 10 tons of dried prunes this year, and as the crop is unusually large, they also expect to have some 2,000 bushels of apples to sell.

A bander man sold \$20,000 white goods in the city of Portland recently. This is the first shipment of shingles ever made out of that place for Portland, with the exception of a small shipment made last spring, but the way now seems to be open for a good market in Portland for Bandon shingles.

Seaside Signal: Ducks and geese were scarce about a live rate during the stormy weather of the past week, and many were killed along the coast by hunters, who call themselves sportsmen.

Jefferson Review: Looking from the window of our office we see lying on the ground bushels of fine apples going to waste. We can raise fruit, we can raise it in plenty, but we are not getting it to market.

Monmouth Herald: Hunters from the city of Portland have been playing havoc with the wild fowls in this part of the county. They have killed a pair of plovers and when they come to a farmer's fence they cut it down.

One day last week nearly the entire population of the Drift Creek valley turned out in pursuit of a huge monster which was supposed to have devoured nearly all the bees in that section. The monster was a large, black, winged creature, and was seen near the mouth of the creek.

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DEPOSITS MUST BE GUARANTEED

The following communication was sent to the Oregonian, but publication was refused on the ground that the article was "not available."

Portland, Oct. 19.—The Editor of the Oregonian:—Editorial: I am sure you would not be a fine thing to have a bank guarantee law to assure the integrity of the transactions of those at La Grande, by making honest people pay the loss.

Here in the state of Oregon we have a mere farce of a banking law, which has not been in force for many years. After the insistent demands of the people and the press during our last legislative session, we were even asked to keep our present clat-trap of a banking law, which should be known as the Thorburn Ross banking act, from going into the hands of the legislature.

There is not an honest banker in banking law can be drawn that will practically preclude all failures and not hamper in any way honest business or industry. They say, "let the law pass and you will not need any guaranty law," but they do nothing to help the honest people who have deposited their money in banks.

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By all means let the depositors in La Grande suffer! They should have known that the state would not guarantee a bank! To slay a slight tax in order to guarantee such deposits the banks would see some amount of suffering. As any bank guarantee fund would in the end be paid by the depositor, it is not an awful thing to protect them. Still, however, and workmen feel safer, don't you know with deposits protected. So in the face of the fact that the Republican party for the welfare of the banks, the people may demand to be protected from the loss of their money.

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