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Age without cheerfulness is a Lapland winter without sun.—Colton.

AS TO PREDICTIONS

THESE ARE not the first frantic efforts to frighten that have been made in Oregon. The man in the Tall Tower went into hysterics over the threatened election of Chamberlain in 1903, and said on the 16th and 17th of May: "This is no fancy picture or a dream to be laughed down, by saying it is preposterous to suppose that George Chamberlain's election can cause a national panic. The Republican who votes the Democratic ticket does so in imminent peril to his own welfare."

THE NORTH DAKOTA DECISION, AND OREGON

THE SUPREME COURT of North Dakota has held unconstitutional a law of that state that makes it compulsory upon members of the legislature to vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress, of the party of which I am a member, who has received a majority of such party votes for that position at the primary election, etc.

FLEEING FROM THE PLAGUE

THIS country has ever seen anything really grotesque, it seems to me now in the scramble to get from under the Rockefeller interview. The Taft managers are fleeing from it as from the plague. All the Bryans on earth could not, in a thousand years, bring about such a panic as now exists at the White House.

It seems strangely odd that the president should thus insist that Rockefeller doesn't know his own business. In the excitement of the moment, the usual presidential prerogative of calling Mr. Rockefeller "a liar," has been overlooked.

gain being legally enforced. There is nothing inherently wrong in such an agreement, such a pledge; on the contrary, it is one altogether right and in the interest of good and truly democratic government. The courts have no objection whatever to such an agreement. The North Dakota court specifically says that though "legislative candidates cannot be compelled to support the popular choice for senator," yet "those provisions of the law providing a method by which electors may designate their choice for senator is valid and operative regardless of the invalidity of the pledge."

THE TOLL ON NATURE

PROBLEM to which Oregon people must immediately address themselves is whether or not the Willamette river is to be made open and free. It is a month until congress meets. It is the session at which a rivers and harbors bill is due. It is the session at which there must be action, or there will be no federal aid for the Willamette project for a long time.

possible that Rockefeller should support Bryan as that an innocent man should condemn himself to the electric chair. Mr. Roosevelt knows that Rockefeller is supporting Taft. He knows Mr. Rockefeller is a power and backer of the inner circle in Taft's party, the circle that manipulates elections and controls legislation.

It is all laid at the door of the tariff. Sura. Nowhere else. The protective tariff. The Dingley tariff. The 52 per cent tariff. The prosperity tariff. The panic tariff. The Standard Oil tariff. The steel trust tariff. The sugar trust tariff. The housekeeper plundering tariff. The tariff that robs women and children.

EXPOSITIONS IN 1909

IT IS NOT only in Seattle that there will be an exposition next year, though this is the one that will interest us most. The people of Seattle, it has been published, subscribed for a large portion of an issue of \$8,000,000 stock. The state of Washington, in an indirect way, appropriated \$1,000,000. Oregon has appropriated \$100,000, California a like amount, New York \$75,000, Nebraska \$15,000, Missouri \$10,000 and Pennsylvania \$7,500; and doubtless other states will make appropriations next winter.

THE DOCK QUESTION

THE DOCK question is a live and important one not only in Portland, but in older and larger cities. The Boston Globe says: "The dock question must be settled sooner or later by Boston and other Atlantic ports, and it will require vast sums of money to construct the docks necessary to meet the future requirements of American commerce."

Their powers in any calling always have limits. The human mind can do its utmost, and no more. Certainly he did not wreck his bank with purposeful intent. On the other hand, he did all he could, and went to lengths to which he should not have gone to save it from wreck.

PRICES HERE AND ABROAD

THE JOURNAL recently stated this: that a man in London, Or., last year bought a Deering binder for \$145, while the same year the man's brother living in Scotland bought one just like it for \$90. The Pendleton Tribune, the most hidebound partisan organ in the United States, exclaims: "And it is all laid at the door of the tariff."

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Such implements as are sold abroad at prices below the regular home price are those in excess of the home demand, and, as leftovers, find a sale in foreign countries at reduced prices. Indeed, so we are taxed to supply the people of Russia, and India, and Europe, and South America with manufactured articles below cost! Our trusts then are a great worldwide eleemosynary institution.

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Perhaps no city has such a successful dock system, for all concerned, as Liverpool. It is a semi-municipal business. Not only has Liverpool the finest docks in the world now, but it is preparing to spend \$15,000,000 immediately in enlargement and betterment of the system. And London is now discussing the imitation of Liverpool's example.

become less strenuous and raucous, and honest business and common sense have formed a closer co-partnership. We here, with a city of 500,000, even 1,000,000, will have a system like Liverpool's, or a better one. Let us work for that.

It was a good thing to see so many people "tagged" yesterday. There is a good deal of charity and kindness in the human heart, after all. And who, if once attention is attracted, and interest is aroused, would not be kind and helpful to a homeless little child? Of these babies at the home, quite as much as of the babies in luxurious private houses, it was said, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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The White House is in a great future—because the campaign canard that Standard Oil was supporting Bryan has been effectually exploded. There will doubtless be a cabinet meeting all day today to consider the best means of roasting Standard Oil for incautiously telling the truth for once.

A Sermon for Today

Our Common Life. By Henry F. Cope. "For none of us liveth to himself."—Romans xiv. 7.

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