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In conversation humor is more than wit, easiness more than knowledge. Few desire to learn, or think they need it; all desire to be pleased, or, if not, to be easy—Sir William Temple.

FRANCIS J. HENEY

THE BETTER classes of people generally will be glad that an assassin's bullet fired at Francis J. Heney did not do the intended murder, and hope he will recover and live long yet to be a terror to evil doers. The man had a grievance, which though not an excuse was a real one to him, and he may have brooded over this until he had become in a measure insane.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE

ANOTHER characteristic piece of misrepresentation and deception on the part of the morning newspaper of Portland appears in its repeated and persistent assertions and assumptions that the recent North Dakota decision applies to the Oregon law.

A DREAM THAT IS COMING TRUE

MANY YEARS ago a man, still alive but now old, noticing the fruit in the small orchards of the early settlers in Jackson county, dreamed of a future when that would become a great and famous fruit region, and determined to help make it so.

SHALL MEN DRAG THEIR HONOR IN THE MIRE?

THERE ARE not many men in Oregon who will ask other men in Oregon to repudiate a solemn covenant. The pledge of a legislator is or ought to be as sacred as the pledge of a banker. A promise given to the people of Oregon and to the people of "my legislative district" is as binding as the vow at the marriage altar.

Will not those children be subjected to the taunts of other children because of their father's act of dishonor? Is it not fully as dishonorable to steal an office by false pretense as to steal money by false pretense? Is stealing money by that guise a crime punishable by prison sentence, is not stealing an

work to plant an orchard. They became so interested that they gave up their business, in the distant city and stayed in southern Oregon. That was not many years ago, and now they have great orchards, and are pouring many thousands of dollars a year into their pockets, and the old disorder that afflicted them have long ago disappeared.

Many men in that region are gaining wealth from orchards, in the pleasantest of agricultural efforts, and are living in a climate as nearly perfect as can be found on the continent and amidst inspiring scenery, and there is room for thousands more to do the same.

But if that region becomes crowded, here are the whole Willamette valley and portions of the western slope of the Coast range, where the same thing can be done. Possibly the climate of southern Oregon may impart a little better flavor to apples, but apples good enough to command a big price in eastern, northern and southern markets can be raised all the way from the Columbia to the Callipinas.

SOME VERY PROSPEROUS PEOPLE

OF COURSE prosperity cannot be equally divided or distributed. Some people will always be more prosperous than others. This would be so if the laws and their administration were the most equitable and perfect imaginable. But on the other hand, prosperity is conferred upon some people at the expense of others.

Advice is given in several exchanges by people assuming to be competent not to burn leaves that fall on lawns and gardens, but to heap them around rose bushes and other shrubs and vines, as they serve as a mulch, a protector against frost and a fertilizer.

This Date in History

1624—Francisco Pizarro sailed from Panama for the conquest of Peru. 1567—Maurice of Nassau, prince of Orange, was born. Died April 23, 1625. 1846—Tampico, Mexico, surrendered to Commodore Conner of the American navy. A monument to Bishop Brown, founder of Trinity college, was unveiled at Hartford, Conn. 1881—Charles Guiteau was placed on trial for the murder of President Garfield. 1891—William J. Florence made his last appearance on the stage at the Arch-street theatre, Philadelphia. 1905—Prince Charles of Denmark was chosen king of Norway. 1907—Countess Sonia de Castellane was granted a divorce and custody of her children. 1846—The third Russian Douma was opened. A Lake county man and his sister, native of the state, have a new motto, which they will call the "Lake County Beauty."

already that tariff revision will be only a farce, enacted in order to make a pretense of carrying out a party pledge, and the sooner it is played out the better. But the business interests will not be at all alarmed at some delay; they are resting in confident assurance, as they may, that nobody will be hurt but the masses of common taxpaying people.

Those who have all sorts of visions that Statement No. 1 legislators will be easy to swerve from their pledges will be interested in a ringing message from one of them printed in this issue of The Journal. It is from Representative-elect Jones of Douglas. One of like vigorous import from Representative-elect Jones of Polk was printed two days ago. The word of such men is as good as a bond. They can be neither bought, wheedled nor whipped into repudiation of their pledges.

Oregon is a wool state, therefore the duty on wool should be raised, is the argument of an exchange. But Oregon is also a wool wearing state; where one person raises wool 1,000 wear wool—or pay for woolen goods. It is always the organized few who are protected, always the unorganized many who pay.

The wine growers and makers and the brewers and the distillers also all want higher duties, not one of them a reduction. Any lowering of the tariff would "ruin" them. And what they say will "go."

The Democratic Silver Lining

From the New York World. There is no more hopeful sign for the Democratic party than the character of the new leaders who are coming to the front.

Thomas Marshall of Indiana; Judson Harmon of Ohio, and John A. Johnson of Minnesota, were not elected to the governorship of their states by accident. They are men of proved character and capacity.

Marshall stands in the front rank of his profession in Indiana. Harmon is not only a great lawyer but was one of the most efficient cabinet officers of the second Cleveland administration. Johnson, three times chosen governor of a Republican state, stands approved on his record as a man of achievement.

There will be three new Democratic United States senators of equal ability, force and character—two of them succeeding Republicans. Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, who was selected for senator in the primaries, is probably the ablest man in his state. Charles J. Hughes leads the Denver bar. He will succeed Henry M. Teller, who went over to the Democratic party on the silver question, but has never been a Democrat in spirit.

Bryan as a Senator

From the Wall Street Journal. The state of Nebraska might do a great deal worse than to elect Mr. Bryan to its senate whenever an opportunity presents itself. The opportunity will be Democratic, but there will be no election until 1911. He is the most famous citizen of that state, he is a brilliant orator and he measures in the state the equipment up to the distinction of the office.

Samuel E. Reid's Birthday

The venerable Samuel Edward Reid, commissioner of agriculture and vinicultural treasurer of Prince Edward Island, was born at St. Eleanors, Prince Edward Island, in 1854. Mr. Reid spent his boyhood on his father's farm and there received an excellent agricultural training. After a course in the public schools of St. Eleanors and Summerside he entered upon a commercial career in his brother's store at Summerside. Subsequently he removed to Tryon, where he and his brother, J. L. Reid, established the Tryon Woolen mill. Mr. Reid was first elected to the legislature in 1893 and was re-elected in 1900 and 1904. He was speaker from 1900 to 1904. In 1905 he was appointed provincial secretary-treasurer and commissioner of agriculture, and in 1906 he became secretary of the island agricultural department.

Senator Scott wants a tariff revision bill passed next winter, so that there will be no need of an extra session, and so that business interests will know as early as possible what the new tariff is to be.

He may have in mind the elimination on March 4 of a few standpatters and corporation tools and the substitution of a different type of men, but there are not enough such changes to make any difference, and new members are supposed to have nothing to say. So his suggestion is a good one. Everybody knows

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Here is another conundrum: Why is a councilman? Now watch the protected interests revise the tariff upward.

Yon Yonson can now pose as the Man who Might have Won.

It has been great weather for harvesting a great apple crop.

Probably Mr. Hearst would now sell those letters to Ard-bald cheap.

So far as reported, Castro has sent no message of congratulation to Taft.

It is reported that the emperor of China is dead. Never heard of him before.

How can Taft rest, with all those prominent politicians going to visit him?

One Yamhill county man raised 50,000 boxes of fine apples this year. That is "going some."

If all Oregon people will stand by all Oregon business men, Oregon will prosper gloriously.

After March 4 Vice-President Fairbank will be free to attend entirely to his private business.

Two Democrats were elected last week to the Michigan legislature. They will probably have a row.

Prince De Sagan is being sued for debts, but if the Gould money can't be got at he doesn't care.

The Manufacturers' Record does not deny that it took a big remittance from Standard Oil, and justifies it.

The steel trust is prosperous; it sells rails in Mexico for \$18 per ton, and in the United States for \$12.

At a salary of \$5,000 a year, perhaps the city can secure some councilmen who will do more and talk less.

Perhaps Kaiser William feels like saying: "If I have said anything that I am sorry for, I am glad of it."

"Divine Right" Baer says the price of coal is nobody's business but his and his associates'. It looks that way.

The Willamette valley wouldn't know its old self, if it could be reproduced, in a few years. It's getting a move on.

Why should it be expected that Senator Aldrich will retire? He never did anything for the good of the country yet.

Now we suppose golf will become officially the national game, but the country herd will continue to prefer baseball.

Teachers in the Agricultural colleges are very valuably instructing many and other people besides those in attendance at that institution.

The old ring politicians have it all framed up to do up the people at Salem next winter, but may not have a very easy job of it.

The Atlanta Journal says the southern Democrats are giving more attention to the legs.

If Illinois can spend \$20,000,000 for a Lakes-to-Gulf canal, what can the United States afford to expend for inland waterways?

Of any statement No. 1 member of the legislature who does not keep his pledge to Oregon voters, let the voters believe that he sold his vote—and probably they will be right.

FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE

"Cast Down Your Bucket Where You Are"—By Booker Washington

(From an address at the opening of the Atlanta Cotton States and International exposition, September 18, 1895.) A ship lost at sea for many days suddenly sighted a friendly vessel. From the mast of the unfortunate vessel was seen the signal: "Water, water; we die of thirst!" The answer from the friendly vessel at once came back: "Cast down your bucket where you are." A second time the signal: "Water, water; we die of thirst!" ran up from the distressed vessel, and was answered: "Cast down your bucket where you are." And a third and fourth signal for water was answered: "Cast down your bucket where you are."

Governor Marshall

From the Indianapolis Star (Rep.). Thomas R. Marshall owes his election as governor of Indiana to his own fine qualities as a man and a citizen. All that the Republican organization could do against him and all that the breweries and saloons did for him could not swerve from him the suffrage of his fellow citizens in sufficient numbers to defeat him.

Inland Waterways

From the New York American. Illinois has voted an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the deepening of her inland waterways, connecting just above St. Louis with the Mississippi river. The hope and plan is to quickly get a shipping course from Chicago to the gulf. The distance is about 1,200 miles. And that in this decade the scheme will succeed few who are acquainted with the courage and the enthusiasm of the citizens of the states bordering the greatest river in the world will for a moment doubt.

Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton.

Oregon in every way is destined to be a great manufacturing state. Help it along yourself by expressing a preference for Oregon goods. It pays to trade at home.

While it is true Oregon went for Taft, do not let us forget that Oregon went for the direct election of United States senators by nearly twice the majority it did for Taft.

It is apparent to anyone looking over the vast stretches of fertile lands half used in the Willamette valley that there is coming such a change in methods of cultivation as would make the ordinary old time rancher sit up and take notice.

It begins to look as if evergreen Oregon would have to be shipping hay to California before long. Notwithstanding its vast irrigated tracts of land, California is always hurt by one of its frequent droughts.

Bryan can do more good preaching progressive and fundamental democracy than he could parading out a lot of offices. It is more comforting to think so, anyhow. Who wants an office when he can be free to come and go, speak and write, as he pleases without a bunch of policy politicians hanging to his coat tails every time he wants to take a step forward?

After all, dear old Uncle Joe was right when he said that if the Republican majority in congress didn't like any of his rules, appointments or decisions they could reverse him at any time. All the honorable majority members like to have him for a master—and an excuse. This is why the revision of the tariff will not hurt any important interests or trusts, and Uncle Joe will do to hide behind.

"Yes," said Farmer Freeman, "I see that Miller Grindem has purchased a lot of wheat of Partyle and so I am not going to deliver the grain I promised to him. If he wants grain of Partyle, he don't want any of mine."

"Would you go back on your word and honor?" "Well, you see, not exactly, but Grindem can't back on his word and only has my word, and he went and bought wheat of somebody else. That releases me, anyway." "How can that be? Is a miller not at liberty to buy wheat from both of you?" "No, if he wanted more wheat he should have come to me. As he has gone to my neighbor, he evidently don't want mine."

This is the way it looks to a man trying to creep out of his pledged word. Any excuse is better than none. An honorable man will not frame them up. It is just the same way as regards the members of the legislature, pledged to elect the choice of the people for United States senator. Honest men are not framing up any excuses.

Look lively. The Hollanders have decided not to declare war on Venezuela. Castro may yet become a world power if he continues to run bluffs.

It is being realized that Canada is likely to become an independent nation in the course of a few years. The way Americans are settling in its western provinces would indicate that it may become a state in the union, and not have to go far to get there.

Nebraska in the hands of the Democrats may mean that some forward steps in bank guaranteeing, direct legislation by the people and regulation of local monopolies will take place.

No ex-president ever killed an elephant, but Roosevelt has that on his program. The elephant might as well lie down and be good.

Nothing shows the isolation of a greater part of Oregon more than the slowness with which the election returns come in. The ticket was short, quickly counted and promptly returned by the precinct officers everywhere, but the almost impassable roads through gorge and swamp, the long dreary stretches of stage and packhorse trails, lack back the final returns day after day. Fortunately nothing is on the anxious seat because of it. Such remoteness and delay retards business and prevents development in all lines. We want more roads of all kinds.

Oregon has plenty of important questions pressing for solution. They will be studied and voted upon directly without personal or partisan entanglements, and the people have shown a great capacity in this state for separating measures from men.

When Lucas, 15 years ago, proposed to so deepen the Mississippi and the Illinois rivers as to carry ships drawing 18 feet of water into Chicago, the country laughed at him. Now, should present ideas be fulfilled, vessels of 25 feet draught will soon be steaming through the waters of the Illinois, the Mississippi and the Chicago sanitary canal.

In the lifetime of the present generation men will see this entire nation honey-combed with canals—waterways deep enough to convey heavy ships proceeding from Toledo to Terre Haute, Milwaukee to Memphis, Atlanta to Mobile, Dallas to Galveston, Detroit to Washington and from New York to Des Moines.

The newly-elected congressmen almost to a man stand convinced of the need of better waterways as well as better highways. And let us hope that there will be no interference with these national demands.

The Eugene jail lodged 22 hoboes one night. They were herded out of town next morning.