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Our companions please us less from the charm which we find in their conversation than the charm they find in ours.—Greville.

A NEW LIGHT IN THE TOWER

A GREAT light has been seen in the Tall Tower. A week ago we were being informed daily that the Dakota decision invalidated Statement No. 1 pledges in Oregon.

It is different now. The position has been shifted. That contention is given up. It is no longer insisted in the elevated tower that Statement No. 1 pledges are themselves unconstitutional.

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In this regard, they have broken their faith, they misrepresent their constituents, they do not act for the benefit of honorable men. Yet these men were bound only by a vague or unspoken general understanding. What then shall be said of any man bound by an absolute, positive, specific pledge, if he should violate it?

WHAT IS BEING DONE, CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY?

IT IS the seventeenth day of November, and time is slipping by. Congress meets early in December, and will not, after this session, pass another appropriation bill for two years. Joseph Cannon will probably be speaker, and the Willamette is still fettered. The toll taker takes 50 cents a ton off the sale price of every product shipped out and adds 50 cents a ton to the cost of every article shipped into the Willamette region.

For thirty years this toll taker has stood at the door of every farm home and every town home in the valley and collected tribute. For thirty years he has turned the proceeds into private pockets, taking his bounty on a highway that nature never intended should be other than free.

Joe Cannon for speaker, and the Willamette asking for freedom! Congress three weeks away, and time speeding like a meteor! What is Congressman Hawley and what the news from Washington?

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is not material. It did all that and more indirectly. Haas is but one example that happens to be patent. The blowing up of the Gallagher houses is another. They are examples of the human passions that create a Ruff, his cohorts and his henchmen aroused. A newspaper helped to feed the flame by attacking Heney. The effect was to encourage disorder rather than order. The incident of Haas, the pistol shot in the court room, that other in the prison cell, the mass meetings and the eyes of a whole nation on a San Francisco hospital, all this is but an episode of trivial import beside the terrible tragedy of Ruffism in unhappy San Francisco.

ROOSEVELT AND ROOT

THE NEW YORK WORLD is daily advocating the election of President Roosevelt to the senate to succeed Senator Platt, and many other newspapers and prominent men are seconding the motion. The World takes back none of its criticism of Roosevelt as president, still insists that he is an unsafe man in that position; but argues, quite logically, that he could be a power for good in the senate.

Secretary of State Root appears, however, to be in the lead for senator to succeed Platt, and Roosevelt may come in two years later, if he desires. Mr. Root is a very able man and has no doubt rendered the country very valuable services in his present office, but the objection to him as a senator is that he has always been a trust lawyer. His corporation connections ought to be regarded as a disability.

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who is? If nobody is a candidate, why not end this effort to debauch pledged legislators? Why not stop this endless agitation for overturning the popular will and substituting the personal control of things by a few? If nobody is a candidate, why not stop this tomfoolery and let us have a peaceful and profitable rather than a demoralized and debauched legislative session?

The country will get postal savings banks about the same time it gets any tariff revision other than that dictated by the protected and predatory interests.

It is not very strange that Ruff's lawyers need special detectives to protect them. People are becoming out of patience with men who "assassinate the law."

Kaiser William says it is for him to rule the Fatherland, but he may have a large lesson yet to learn, as various monarchs before him have.

Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton. The effect of a manufacturing plant on a town can be illustrated by Yamhill county. Over 40 buildings are being constructed where but a crossroads store was a few years ago. A brick plant has made the difference.

Oregon people were assured two years ago that they were such blim-blams, fools they did not know what they were voting about when they declared their minds for the election of United States senator. To show that they meant what they said, and had not changed their minds, they elected the United States senator. To show that they meant what they said, and had not changed their minds, they elected the United States senator.

We are given columns going to show that the people will be sold out if some of the pledged members can find an excuse for their election. A lot of abuse and special pleading is for. Not to fool the people, but to fool some member of the legislature into believing that he can sell out and fool his constituents into believing he did it from patriotic fervor, and in the name of the people. Some of the honorable legislators are pretty smart, but they are not smart enough for this. And neither is the common scold in the brick tower.

Murder is no cure for injustice. The assassin of Heney has not accomplished anything for himself, or for the race. Heney will be succeeded by others, and in the end the law against debauchers of public servants will be enforced.

Behind Joe Cannon hides the trusts. But behind him hides the Republican majority which is only too glad to hide Cannon, and as long as he is in the trusts are safe. "Good old Joe!" and "Joe does it" and holds his job.

All this fuss in Germany is over the emperor telling the truth and voicing his sentiments. What is the use of being so long in getting to the point that a railway magnate and enjoy life.

Our Teddy is at greater liberty of expression than is Billy of Berlin. Perhaps the two nations might swap dynasties with advantage.

The vast tracts of idle and half used land in the Willamette valley attracts attention. So do the prohibitive prices when the would-be user asks.

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Local Option and Temperance. From the Boston Tropic. President Eliot in his remarkable speech to the annual conference of no-license workers in this city, last night, set forth in a few words the reasons for the success of Massachusetts legislation regulating the liquor traffic and for the failure of statutes of other states more far-reaching as enactments to come up to the expectations of their promoters. The Massachusetts law is local option pure and simple. It leaves it to the voters whether the saloon shall be operated or not to deal with every aspect of the liquor question at once and it affords an opportunity for men who use liquor in moderation to vote that licenses shall not be granted if in their opinion the public sale of intoxicants would be detrimental to the interests of their communities. Because it does not interfere with the private rights of individuals in their own homes, because it does not attempt to shut off the supply, as some southern statutes do, and because it accomplishes along the lines of the Massachusetts law, and his belief that, as elsewhere in the social economic field, our state has offered to the union a model worthy of its imitation.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. But the Kaiser can't very well abolish the Reichstag. People believe they elected men of honor to the legislature. Millions of people rejoice in the prospect of Heney's recovery. Give the Rose Festival managers plenty; make it a great show. The trusts want Root rather than Roosevelt for senator from New York. It looks as if William of Germany, if running for emperor, might be beaten. The best Cuban revolution will be deferred until Uncle Sam's troops have departed. While this sort of weather lasts, few people can be scared by prediction of a hard winter. The Chinese may or may not be sorry but they are too sensible to make any fuss about it. Certainly Japan wouldn't go to war with a nation that sports so many chrysantheums. Nat and Edna will doubtless be happy and then after that. But how can an unconstitutional law set aside a man's promise and authorize him to become a liar? It seems likely that the first three letters of the name of the next senator from New York will be Root.

It is even worse in Boston than here; the price of beans remains moderate. Mrs. Ruth Bryan-Leavitt is writing a book about her husband and agrees that the farther apart they live the better. What brand of intellectual dishonesty is this that seeks to make representatives of the people play false to their obligation? Senator Elkins thinks that Abruzzi is a very fine man, but he may not be in favor of turning over a few millions to an Italian nobleman. Whoever heard before of an organized systematic attempt to induce a lot of men to break their promise and betray a trust confided to them? Ambassador Wu says more crimes are committed by meat eaters than by vegetarians. Yes, but look how many more meat eaters than vegetarians there are.

It is reported that Mrs. Tarrt always buys her Christmas gifts in advance. Now here is a good example set by the woman soon to be "the first lady in the land." Petty jealousies in Oregon, especially in the Willamette valley, are passing away. People are learning to have property of another town, county or section is good for their own. The Tacoma Ledger boasts of a death rate of only about 8 per 1,000 in that city and says it is the lowest in the United States. It is about the same as in Portland, with nearly twice Tacoma's population. Lawyer Patrick's plea that in changing his sentence from electrocution to life imprisonment for the governor of New York inflicted a more severe penalty and thereby exceeded his constitutional powers, has more merit than many, please in detest of criminals.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

E. P. McCarnack, near Salem, raised 550,000 pounds of prunes this year. A man near Brookings has a field that yielded 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre this season. But he cultivated it right. Silver Lake Leader: Geese and ducks are coming in by the thousands, and in consequence the hunters come in loaded down. The Albany Democrat is demanding a fruit inspector for Linn county. If it is right. Every western Oregon county needs a good fruit inspector. It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that Klamath county can grow alfalfa. The Herald in the United States, says the Herald in the United States planted some as an experiment had a fine crop. The Silver Lake Leader tells several bear stories, and says that there was never so many bear signs seen in the woods as there has been this fall, the ground in places being literally covered with tracks. The Oregon Agricultural college has been trying to make farmers understand that alfalfa grows alfalfa. Bulletin after bulletin on the alfalfa has been sent out, and now another has appeared, which every farmer should read. Albany Democrat: More and more there is being built up a spirit of boos for the entire valley, a unity of action for going to make this valley a fruit and alfalfa country. The way to do it is not for one county alone to develop alfalfa, but for all of the counties of the valley. The past few months have witnessed the sale of many of the large tracts who are cutting them up in parcels to be placed upon the market. A chance to secure an orchard which has been practically impossible heretofore, says the Tribune. Dairy correspondence of Klamath Republican: What country in the world is more beautiful than the beauty and the sublimity of its mornings and evenings. The sunrise and sunset glow and the tain glow are all so beautiful. Nothing in all nature is so beautiful, so entrancing, so delightful to the senses as the sense of artistic taste in delicate coloring. "Uncle Bill" Brown of Dallas will participate in the annual banquet in celebration of his eighty-fourth birthday this year. A strictly Dallas affair, as usual. However, he will be in Portland for a few days before, and not only Dallas, but also all widowers in the town, are to participate in the festivities, and Mr. Brown will present a fine history of the first widower who marries after the big birthday dinner. Sheridan Sun: Reports of stock killed by hunters while trespassing upon private property have reached this office. No effort was made to find a culprit, but instead the trap was gone, the animal and chain had disappeared. For more than an hour the trapper fully searched the mountainside in the hope that he would find either the trap and pole or some sign of where the animal had been dragged. Finally he turned his eyes to the river, and after some trouble he fished the dead animal, a bear, chain, pole and all from a deep eddy in the river. A man living on upper Rogue river set a trap for a bear, and in a few days later heard a terrific rumbling behind him in that vicinity. He hurried to the spot expecting to find a captured bear, but instead the trap was gone, the animal and chain had disappeared. For more than an hour the trapper fully searched the mountainside in the hope that he would find either the trap and pole or some sign of where the animal had been dragged. Finally he turned his eyes to the river, and after some trouble he fished the dead animal, a bear, chain, pole and all from a deep eddy in the river.

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