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Trust him little who praises all, him less who condemns all, and him least who is indifferent to all.—Lavater.

GIVE THANKS.—FOR HEALTH, for competence, for all comforts; for friends, for opportunities; for all successes and good accomplishments.

For a great and marvelously resourceful country, for a splendid state, wherein opportunity beckons on every hand, for a fine, rapidly growing city, of which all can be proud, and any inhabitant, traveling abroad, can say, with Paul: "I am a citizen of no mean city!"

For civil and religious freedom; for a government that, with all its faults, is far better than most; for the growth of education and enlightenment; for the spirit of progress toward higher ideals and a broader, cleaner life, active in the land; for common schools and colleges and churches; for benevolence and philanthropy and charity; for so much of reasonable religion and of love.

For the necessity of toil and battle, for disappointments and defeats, for crosses and burdens, even; for thus only mankind grows in strength, wisdom and grace.

For the gracious climate, for the abundant crops, for the certainty of harvests and rewards of toil; for the variety of seasons, for the beauties of nature, for the manifold glimpses of heaven afforded us in our physical and spiritual world, for the opportunity before all to do better.

For all these and all that they suggest, for things innumerable—give thanks.

NOT "PORTLAND" APPROPRIATIONS.—UNDER THE head, "Portland Has a Pull," the Tacoma Tribune says that city gets an estimate from the government engineers of \$40,000, while Portland gets \$2,040,000, or just \$2,000,000 more than Tacoma.

But what does Tacoma want an appropriation for—unless it is to partly fill up its harbor? That city boasts of an unlimited harbor, "where all the fleets of the world could congregate," and a wide, deep water channel to the main ocean; hence it needs no appropriation, and ought not to object to ample appropriations for other cities if they are less fortunately situated in these respects.

But the Tribune is quite mistaken in crediting Portland with the alleged \$2,040,000 appropriations. The sums expended on the Columbia river are not for the benefit of Portland alone, but of hundreds of thousands of people all the way from Astoria to points in Idaho and northeastern Washington. These and future appropriations will benefit people of the Tribune's own state to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

More than this, Portland alone has spent about a million and a quarter dollars in dredging the channel of the Columbia river and the Willamette below this city, and will spend much more, and this work is not for the benefit of Portland alone, but also of all those people beyond the Cascade mountains. Portland in helping herself has spent and will spend a great deal of money in the interest of eastern Washington producers, and to aid in this work they have not contributed, nor have been asked to contribute, a dollar.

That "Portland has a pull" is another mistaken notion. Considering its situation, considering the river, both above and below this city, considering the resources of the tributary region and its possibilities of production, Portland has been neglected rather than favored by the

federal government. It has on several occasions been grossly discriminated against by the war and navy departments in favor of Puget sound cities and San Francisco. No other city in the country has done as much to help itself and show the government that it was willing and able to do more than its part as Portland.

And of the benefit of these and future taxes and appropriations Portland will get no more than her fair share in a region embracing some 200,000 square miles of territory.

The Tribune admits that Tacoma doesn't need much, but pleads for a diversion channel to carry off the floods of the Puyallup, Stuck and White rivers, that periodically cause great loss and damage. While this seems not to be a case within the ordinary scope of the general government's work, it is safe to say that nobody in Oregon will object to it.

These Pacific northwest states ought to stand together in favor of all such projects.

ONE OF THE FOOD TRUSTS.—A FIRM with the romantic and delightful name of Charles Morningstar & Co., has submitted to the ways and means committee a statement about the tax on corn and potato starch and their products, which shows, the New York Times remarks, that "since the time when Joseph made his famous corner in corn in Egypt there has been no such monopoly in foodstuffs" as this exhibit discloses.

The duty on corn starch is \$1.00 per 100 pounds, and on corn and potato dextrine and glucose, \$2 per 100 pounds. Under these duties the prices of these products, extensively used in American homes, have been raised from \$1 or \$1.50 to \$2.65, or approximately the amount of the duty. Not only has the price been raised, but the products, it is asserted, have greatly deteriorated in quality, and are much inferior to those made in Germany and elsewhere abroad, and importations of which are prohibited by these duties.

And why should the greatest and the only great corn-producing country in the world need protection against foreign corn products?

But there is another significant point in the Morningstar story, and that is that all these products used in this country are in control of the Corn Products Refining company, an off-shoot of the Standard Oil company, with offices at 26 Broadway. We boast of the hundreds of millions of bushels of corn raised in this country, but when any of it is manufactured into use for American people, they must pay for this monopoly a 55 per cent tax for adulterated or inferior products, in order to swell the billions of Standard Oil.

Such wholesale, ingeniously systematized and successful robbery of tens of millions of people by taxing almost everything they consume, as the high protective tariff authorizes, was never before devised in the history of mankind.

CARNEGIE ON PROTECTION.—MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE is in favor of abolishing the protective policy, as to most products now highly protected. Having made several hundred million dollars out of his infant industry under the protective system, he is willing to let other people depend on themselves and not on the government. The protected interests will think this is an exhibition of selfishness and ingratitude on the part of Mr. Carnegie, but even if so he tells some important and undeniable facts.

A general fact is that protection is properly for infant or new and struggling industries only, and not for great industrial giants, such as are now its beneficiaries. And a specific fact is that steel, on which the duty is prohibitive of importations, and which is sold abroad 30 or 35 per cent cheaper than in the United States, can be manufactured cheaper in this country than anywhere else in the world. This is true of some other highly protected products, too, but steel is a very conspicuous example of this species of robbery of the American people, and on this subject Mr. Carnegie is an expert witness; he knows exactly what he is talking about.

He very correctly says, also that the main object of a tariff law carefully confined to really new, undeveloped, "infant" industries. This is Democratic doctrine, but Mr. Carnegie says the tariff should not be a party question, and keeps on contributing heavily to the party of high protection. Like many others, he preaches one thing and practices another. He hasn't forgotten what enabled him to make \$500,000,000 in a few years.

Judge George says the instruction law is null and void. Very well; but this does not render a legislator's pledge null and void. He says further that the people had "no right to hold up a candidate and make him promise." This remark indicates what desperate straits the advocates of perfidy and dishonor are in, for it states something as a fact which everybody knows is not a fact. Nobody was "held up." No candidate was under any compulsion. There was no law requiring him to give a pledge or subscribe to Statement No. 1 or any other statement. It was entirely a voluntary act on

the part of every candidate who signed that statement. He could have made Statement No. 2, or made none on the subject, as some who were elected did. In addition to goat-straining sophistries and hair-splitting technicalities, are we also to have distortion of facts?

BUY THEM EARLY.—MUCH IS said annually from this time on for a month about buying Christmas presents early and it is to be hoped that some heed is given to these many appeals and adjurations of the press. Except in cases that are unusual, sensational or that are brought directly and emphatically to their attention, people are disposed to be too selfish, too regardless of the welfare and comfort and happiness of others. The very spirit of the Christmas season should prompt all people who read these appeals to heed them as well as they conveniently can, and to help ease up the exhausting rush that always comes to a pushing, jamming, struggling, almost panicky climax just before Christmas.

The salespeople in the stores are not the only ones to be considered. A letter in The Journal Monday reminds people of the mail and express clerks on the trains, who during the holiday rush are grievously overworked. Not only do they get no holiday for themselves at this time, but when the prolonged strain of extra work is over they must keep right on with their ordinary work, which is onerous enough at best.

Buyers of holiday presents ought to consider this matter more seriously and try to put themselves in the places of these saleswomen and clerks. The request is entirely reasonable because the stores are crammed with holiday goods for weeks before Christmas, and one can make better selections and be waited on more satisfactorily two or three weeks than a day or two before Christmas. Those who buy their Christmas presents within the next two or three weeks—and the earlier the better—will be surer of getting what they want, and will have the pleasant consciousness of doing their part to relieve hundreds of people who are distressingly overworked just before the popular holiday.

BLOWS AT BOURBONISM.—BOURBONISM in the American senate has received another blow. Forces are gathering that threaten an effective resistance to the iron rule of Aldrich. The election of Governor Cummins of Iowa to a senatorship yesterday adds one more to the ranks of those who will at all times resist the Aldrich autocracy. The advent of Cummins is a welcome sign of the waning power of Bourbonism. He is a leader with pronounced genius for leadership. He was one of the earliest exponents of a reduced tariff, and has successfully defended his position until, as a pronounced progressive, he is elevated to the senate over the wrecked chariots of all the old standard leaders. His power for usefulness will be accentuated by the accession of a man of equal potentiality in the same political school by the election of Bristow from Kansas.

Nobody sees more clearly than does the imperial Aldrich that the downfall of his dominion is augured in the approach of these two senators. Nobody hears more distinctly the tread of marching forces of progression. Wilhelm read aright the omens and standing in the shadow of 2,000 years of divine right yielded to the gathering revolution among his German subjects. His sixty million people now have in reality rather than in mere form a government by a constitution. In reality the German czarship is a wreck upon the reefs of fate. From Iowa and Kansas to the banks of the Rhine the resistance to Bourbonism is gathering. The movement points an accusing finger at the great senile Caesar. Doom to his power is on the horizon, and it is strange it will be if the present Bourbon movement shall succeed in its effort to upset popular rule in Oregon!

Lord Roberts, the chief military figure of England, has raised a sensation by predicting an invasion of that country by Germany, and says England should have a standing army of 1,000,000 men. This is the military or the naval point of view the world over. The trade of the general or the admiral is war, and if there is no war they get busy predicting a war and hoping for one, for that way lies promotion, honor and emoluments. A German invasion of England is only a little less absurd, with all due respect to "im lud," than a Japanese invasion of the United States. Germany has business enough on hand without jumping across the sea on the British Lion. But what a terrible trial it must be to Kaiser William to keep silent after reading Lord Roberts' speech.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress will meet at Vale, Or., on December 17-19, and the prospect is that it will be an interesting and instructive occasion for those who attend. Eastern Oregon and Idaho not only join, but their physical features and resources are much the same, and their interests are identical. In all that region Portland has

a direct and vital interest, and this city, and other western Oregon cities, should be well represented at this meeting. Development is the paramount slogan now throughout the Pacific northwest, and all sections of it should pull together, and help and learn from one another.

There are better things than making money, says Mr. Rockefeller, and he otherwise intimates that he has a very charitable and philanthropic disposition. If he is sincere about this, why not return all above fair, reasonable profits made during the past 40 years to the people, or come as near doing so as possible? Building up a great, raw college is not an act of just restitution, for the vast majority of people get no appreciable benefit therefrom. Very rich men often prate about the unsatisfactoriness of great wealth, but we observe that even those who profess the most that they desire and mean to get rid of it never let loose of more than a fraction of their income.

The chief of police has taken a proper and needed step in ordering the arrest of all people of the vagrant or doubtful class who carry firearms. The law against carrying concealed weapons ought to be strictly enforced against them and indeed, as far as possible, against everybody. Hundreds of hoodlumish youth running about town doubtless carry firearms, that should be taken away from them. This habit of carrying a gun leads to no end of mischief, crime and sorrow.

The more one reads of the proceedings of the Portland council, with its constant wrangling and jangling and jawing and recriminations, the more he will be in favor of a council of only six members. Perhaps three would be better.

An Obstreperous Son.—By an "Old Fogey." Father (to son who is a student of moral philosophy, political history, etc.) Is it not what you call a renegade and detestable citizen?

Son—A member of the legislature who has promised a political boss to support a certain man for senator and does not do it.

Father—Correct my son. Now what is a patriot?

Son—He is a member of the legislature who has promised the whole people that he will support their choice for senator and refuses to support that choice.

Father—Correct my boy. I am glad you read the Oregonian.

Son—I want to ask you a question: Have a dozen men in the past 20 years been elected to the legislature of Oregon who have not promised either the people or some political boss to vote for some particular man for senator?

Father—I do not know of any.

Son—Is it unconstitutional to promise a man to vote for a man for senator and keep the promise?

Father—Of course not. That has been the rule for years.

Son—How then is it unconstitutional to promise the whole people to vote for their choice for senator and keep the promise?

Father—I can see by the nature of your question that you are leaning toward the monstrous doctrine, now being prevalent, of taking the government out of the hands of bosses and vesting its power in the people. If you keep on you will be as big a fool as Abe Lincoln.

Son—Say, father, what makes you political bosses die so hard?

Father—Oh, shut up.

Letters From the People.—From the Newport Mail. "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad," says Lucretius. It is not for us poor mortals to know the plans of the Gods. No man can point to a man of condemnation and say, "Him the Gods should take away. Nevertheless, our anxiety bids us speak. Our esteemed, though excited, friend the Oregonian stands in appalling danger. While it is hardly ripe for immediate action, it is highly perturbed—almost mad enough to explode—because of the coming election of George E. Chamberlain for United States senator. What is this "fubblush" that the Oregonian has frolic and open raucous brush aside? It is the will of the people of Oregon. It is the voice of the voters themselves who declared in the uncertain tones that they, the free born citizens of this state should decide who should be sent to the United States senator from Oregon. Yet the Oregonian would brush it aside.

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This Date in History.—1762—First school of anatomy in America was founded in Philadelphia. 1799—Joseph Black, who has been called the founder of modern chemistry, died in Edinburgh, Scotland. Born in Bordeaux, France, in 1728. 1807—Oliver Ellsworth, chief justice of the United States, died in New York. He was a nephew of George Washington, died in Philadelphia, Pa., in Virginia, June 5, 1789. 1861—Union force defeated in skirmish at Hunter's Hill, Va. 1864—Madam T. T. in New York, celebrated the silver jubilee of her appearance there as a prima donna. 1899—President Roosevelt visited the St. Louis World's Fair.

A Dallas man owned a Spitz dog that he valued at \$50, and as it ran into the street he was followed by a woman. The city followed it and took it away, claiming that the owner had given it to her, and she was figuring on the best means to get it back.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE.—Most of us have a good deal to be thankful for. There is time yet to make somebody else thankful. Every year Oregon has more reasons to be thankful.

The appetite for turkey is evidently as good as ever. Last year at this time every day was a bank holiday. Bryan can be thankful today; see what a hard job he missed. A whole month must pass before we have another holiday.

Having had some word about Abruzzi even lately, everybody can be thankful. A Clackamas county farmer says "there's nothing in hogs." Nothing in the man, more likely.

Mr. Rockefeller has built a \$25,000 laundry. But it won't wash dirty congressional linen clean. Many Russians grieved over the death of the late Grand Duke Alexis—that he died a "natural" death.

Kaiser William is silent; stunned that Me Und Gott should be dictated to by the spirit of Democracy. What some women would like to see invented is a pay envelope that can't be opened by a man until he gets home.

If Uncle Sam has to go down to Cuba again he will probably stay—stay, which would be the best thing that could happen for Cuba.

The poor man back east who has his winter's coal to buy at an extortionate price, is a little doubtful about prosperity.

Ex-Queen Lilluokalani will try again this winter to get something out of congress, and may be more deserving of it than many who will get something.

A national convention of gypsies is to be held in St. Louis. They may fuse later with the national association of vagrants and huns, a candidate for president in 1912.

Weston Leader doubts the devil is fertile in excuses for his conduct; and the anti-statement crowd do not lack for alleged reasons why Chamberlain should be turned down. The stubborn fact remains, however, that they are conducting an utterly despicable campaign.

They Are After Loot.—From the Pendleton East Oregonian. It is announced that the "bustle" against Statement No. 1 is on its march. The slogan will be that Statement No. 1 is a "bunko game."

But it is a sorry crowd that goes forth to battle. It is not composed of representatives of the people of this state. Such stalwart forms as those of Judge Henry E. McGinn and Judge S. A. Lowell are not in the gang. They would be ashamed to be caught dead in such an undertaking.

The squad that is it out to battle Statement No. 1 is composed, in the main at least, of disappointed and discredited machine politicians. And they are out to loot, not to fight. It is announced that the "bustle" means will be used to prevent the election of Governor Chamberlain. But how can he be defeated by honorable means. A majority of the legislature are under oath to vote for him, if honor is observed.

As to Statement No. 1 being a bunko game, there is nothing in the charge. Nothing could be more complete than Governor Chamberlain's title to the senatorship. He has been elected by the people of Oregon. He was elected in spite of the big normal Republican majority. How can anyone cry foul after such a contest?

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