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Smile! Dod gust you, Keep on smiling, Ventilates your face, Keeps your in'ard thoughts from spilling, Helps the human race, Smile! Now keep on smiling.

### IT APPEARS

Quitt possible that Harvey W. Scott of Oregon may become United States ambassador to Mexico. The announcement is that Mr. Scott was offered the distinguished position by President Taft shortly after the inauguration. If the appointment shall be made, it will be a deserved recognition of the commonwealth of Oregon. It will, in addition, be a merited reward for a talented and accomplished man. This newspaper has had, and still has, many reasons for dissenting from the personal and political views of Mr. Scott. In a general way its views on civic standards and governmental policies are as widely at variance with those of Mr. Scott as are the antipodes.

It is, however, easy for The Journal to see many reasons why Mr. Scott has fairly earned the distinguished position that has been offered him. In mental attainments there are few men in the country who approach the standard of Mr. Scott. His search amid the sources of knowledge has been extended, vigorous and profound. The wide range of his information and the character of his talents are abundant preparation for an ambassadorship. His career itself is a token of his merit for the position that is to be bestowed. In the rude life of the pioneer he undertook as a boy the difficult task of his own education. Without aid, and amid manifold discouragements, he pushed his hopes to a fruition and became a graduate of a pioneer university. To this laudable achievement, he has added a life of toil in which more than three score and ten, there is about him that abundant comfort that perseverance and frugality have worthily won. In such a life, with such a beginning, and with such a fruition, there is typified the Oregon pioneer spirit in its finished form. It is a life that has fairly earned an ambassadorship, and if later advents shall confirm his naming and acceptance, this newspaper will applaud. Mr. Scott is one of Oregon's most distinguished sons and the honor conferred upon him is an honor bestowed upon Oregon.

### RESIST THE BLANKET FRANCHISE

There are terms in the blanket franchise that are very objectionable. The attempt of the council to make this grant to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for street railway purposes, should be defeated. Various features of the franchise ordinance which has passed the council, raise doubts as to whether it is wholly within the realm of good faith. As is well known, it contains provision for a line of street railway to the Swift packing plant. Of the advisability of this portion of the grant there is no question. But at the same time there is provision for grant of the streets in various portions of the West Side. Some of them in the very heart of the business districts.

The question that arises is, if a franchise was wanted for the Swift line, why was it not granted separately, and without any complication or intermingling with imposition or intermingling with imposition of street railway franchise. What intensifies this query is the fact that the franchise ordinance provides that the Swift line shall be built within a year, while in the other streets, a limit of three years is given in some instances, while in others there appears the extraordinary, if not peculiar permission of five years of time in which to complete the work. Are some of these streets strategic points which the corporation desires to hold against possible competing lines? Is the clamor of the population that desires a line to the Swift plant capitalised by the friends of the corporation and used as a means of bottling up the city?

Other concessions are bestowed by the council that should not be given away. The franchise extends for 24 years, and the corporation is guaranteed the right to charge a five-cent fare over the proposed lines within the city limits throughout the period. It is somewhat surprising that a city should consent to such a concession. Twenty-four years is a long time, and the water is to apply the salmon

test. By the plan, satisfaction is guaranteed, or money will be refunded. Meantime, sewage is sewage, and germs kill. Neither weather nor seasons stop the flow of one nor incapacitate the other. Typhoid fever and tuberculosis saps away life when the grass is green or the hills mantled in snow. Pure water is life and a mixture of water and sewage is not purifiable. Water that was polluted at Salem yesterday is not pure at Portland today, no matter what the salmon do.

### RICH SOCIETY SWINDLERS

M. R. LOEB, former President Roosevelt's secretary, and now collector of customs in New York city, has told, or been credited with telling, a good many "stories." In the news-sense, and now comes to the front with another. It was a popular notion or common "gag," at least, for years, that Loeb was a sort of scapegoat for the various blunders of Roosevelt; that everything that the president could not well shoulder was thrust on the broad and convenient back of Loeb, who couldn't be held responsible for anything and who officially was nobody. But now Loeb occupies an important official position; he is collector of customs in the greatest port of the country, and what he says in connection with that office, in which hundreds of millions of dollars are handled, is of interest and of public importance. It certainly is so when he says that rich society women have offered him a bribe of first \$100,000 and later of \$250,000, to drop the government's investigation into custom-house frauds at that port.

### THE UNHAPPY TURK

CHRISTENDOM will welcome any change in Turkey. No step can make conditions worse. Any process of revolution that can work out a change will be beneficial. Life in the empire is reduced to lowest levels by manifold contrivances that prohibit progress. The system of tithes, taxes and tributes prostrates industry and narrows living. It is a region fertile in most parts with vast agricultural possibilities. But there is little agriculture. The methods are crude and implements rude. Most of the lands are held by the crown, and those who live on them, poverty ridden tenants. Farmers must pay fees on all produce in transit from one province to another. One great body of lands granted for religious and educational purposes has fallen mostly into the hands of grasping government officials. These lands are exempt from taxation. There are but small areas of freehold lands in the empire. The farmers produce but little more than is required for their own use on account of the system of levying tithes and exportation taxes on all produce sold to other countries or to different parts of their own country.

Although there is an abundance of raw material, there is little manufacturing. Most articles are hand made, and but a small part of the population is engaged. Even the business of making Turkish rugs that was once a large industry has declined because of machine made imitations produced in other lands. Even turned-brass and beaten-copper utensils for household purposes are made by hand. There are 1269 miles of railroad in European and 1667 in Asiatic Turkey.

Commerce, like agriculture and manufactures, languishes, and from similar causes. Its development is prevented by heavy duties on exports and imports and the taxes imposed on the trade between different divisions of the empire.

In Turkey every Mussulman is required to give 20 years of his life to the military service. The liability begins at the age of 20. Others than Mussulmen, or those not subject to military duty, are required to pay a per capita tax for support of the army and navy. The army is kept recruited by exercise of the power of conscription. Ninety-two per cent of the population are Mohammedans. The Koran is supreme authority in religion as in law and government, and the Sultan is looked upon as the direct successor of Mohammed.

There is no hope for the peasant under the existing order. Tithes, taxes and tribute stand in the way of his progress, and blight his efforts at deliverance. The great powers that, for selfish reasons, maintain the existing status are contributing factors to his condition. It is the tyranny of an unholy alliance that ought not to survive. Any internal eruption that may now be in process in the empire cannot worst the unhappy Turk. It may lead the way to betterment of his condition.

### THE SALMON TEST

IT HAS been explained to us why Willamette water is pure at Portland now, and was polluted at Salem a few weeks ago. According to the Tall Tower scientists, it depends upon the weather. The deadly germs only venture out when the sign is right, and that is always in the good old "post-summer time." At other times they hibernate, as it were, and the thousands of tons of sewage that pour into the Willamette every day and every night in the year are as free from them as virgin Bull Run water.

It is a new and wondrous theory, and one that will amaze the other and less brilliant scientists of the country. But there is the proof. The festive salmon, departing in the Willamette, is cited in evidence. According to the Tower brand of science, the salmon has Portland doctors "skinned a mile" on germs. He knows more about germs than Hoyle ever whist. The way for Salem is to determine the purity of the water is to apply the salmon

One rode the machine awfully and then the other had it, but mostly the machine rode both. Our Joseph was the head man on this muster roll of the kilkenney cats, one of the big gladiators in this party melee. Would it not be a beautiful order to introduce again into the public life and affairs of Portland, and Portland at that in deadly rivalry with other cities of the Coast?

Another automobile victim, near Portland. There will be many such during this year unless reckless automobile drivers are punished. And fines will not do; the culprits should be sent to jail and kept there as common prisoners for awhile. This is the only way to stop this criminal recklessness.

Senator Aldrich says that his tariff bill will produce enough revenue providing expenses are sufficiently reduced. Great statesman, he; if the government doesn't spend more than the revenue the law will produce, then the revenue will pay the expenses. Much virtue in an "if."

The McLoughlin cabin will have to go, but the memory of McLoughlin's great and noble services to the Oregon Country will shine brighter and clearer as the generations and ages pass. His is "one of the few, immortal names that were not born to die."

Cleveland thought Morgan Patriot. In the third of his papers on Grover Cleveland in the April number of McClure's magazine, George F. Parker sets forth at length Cleveland's opinions of some of his great contemporaries, J. Pierpont Morgan, Theodore Roosevelt, and others.

Mr. Cleveland was accustomed to discuss, with great freedom, the characteristics of the men with whom he came in contact. Mr. Parker, who was personally associated with the ex-president for many years, expresses his opinions of their work and to give his impressions of their personalities. If he liked a man he never tired of talking about him, and his appreciation of the deeper and nobler side of his work, and would like to account education, training, the difficulties which surrounded the man in his work, and the character of his ambitions—in short, all the human elements of the man—was his forte and opportunity he was exacting. He had also his strong aversions, but he seldom expressed them.

Mr. Cleveland believed, J. P. Morgan to be a great patriotic banker, and he declared Theodore Roosevelt to be "the most effective politician thus far seen in the presidency." Mr. Cleveland did not know Mr. Morgan except in a social way until his second term, when the most famous bond issue of his time sold.

Mr. Cleveland was governor when Theodore Roosevelt, then an assemblyman, first attracted his attention. Even at that early day Mr. Cleveland was firmly convinced that he (Roosevelt) would some day reach prominence.

Hancock was Right. The Catholic Columbia-Record.

HARRISMAN and Government Ownership. From the Milwaukee Record.

Daniel C. French's Birthday. From the Milwaukee Record.

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

### SMALL CHANGE

Young man, get a piece of land.

Does the Maid of Orleans know?

Some \$25,000 spent on and gained by the Kirmies. Who said Portland was a star old town?

Who cares for bread? Can't you get a great big piece of "home-made" pie for a nickel? Go to.

In a thousand localities land in Oregon will increase in value from 100 to 1,000 per cent in 10 years.

The man who owns a tract of valuable land—it need not be large—is independent and respectable.

If flour gets too expensive, can't we eat bran and shorts, etc.? Perhaps breakfast foods are really healthy and nutritious.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review heads an editorial: "The Real Trouble in Turkey." Say, if you know it, you don't need to work any more.

A good many people bewail lost opportunities of years ago. Short-sighted mortals; greater opportunity is wide open to you now.

A Boston scientist says that with the expenditure of \$100,000,000 we can talk to the angels.

Marion B. Baxter asks in the Seattle Times: "What would Jesus say about an open fair on Sunday?" Well, Jesus, if the Sabbath was made for man; not man for the Sabbath.

That was a neat joke that Admiral Evans sprung on Chicago—Galt Sampson allowed him to go and sink the Merrimac in Santiago harbor because Sampson could easily spare Hobson.

No city administration can make a town perfect; but to say there has been no improvement in the last four years is probably a reasonable statement on the whole city—its people generally.

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### OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Surely Salem ought to have a \$100,000 hotel, at least.

Enthusiastic farmers' union organized in North Pow.

Medford is quite puffed up.

Prospects have done no material damage to fruit in the Rogue river district.

Hundreds of blocks of street improvement this year in Salem, says the Journal.

Rainbow mine in the Sumpter district is working 50 men on high grade ore.

A newcomer at Eugene is named Nothing. But there's nothing in a name.

A Medford man is both plaintiff and defendant in a lawsuit. He's bound to win—and lose.

The Lane County Agricultural society has paid all but \$5,000 of the \$30,000 cost of its grounds.

Eugene Guard: Electric road construction is the greatest need of the Willamette valley because such roads mean small farms and denser population, and population will bring an increased volume of business and factory payrolls.

Langlois correspondence: Port Orford Times: It was voted to a series of facts shows last week, which didn't show anything after all.

The present year will go down in history as a building year for business and residence purposes, are under way or shortly will be under way, than ever before.

With the stories of developments in Echo, Hermiston, Pilot Rock, Milton and Astoria, the middle Butte creek country by the driving of artesian wells, Unahilla county seems to be dependent on a more substantial lines in each section of its vast territory, says the Tribune.

Agnes correspondence: Gold Beach Globe: Martin Fry brought down a pack train loaded with provisions, part of which was two sacks of sugar.

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